**EXCLUSIVE ‘WORLD FIRST’ MOTORING FEATURES AND UNIQUE CARS CONFIRMED FOR 2015 AT THE PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE**

***Concours of Elegance 2015, Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, 4-6 September***

* **Sir Jackie Stewart named Concours of Elegance Vice Patron, alongside Patron, HRH Prince Michael of Kent**
* **Jackie Stewart to showcase three of his Formula One world championship cars on the lawns of the Palace**
* **Tribute to Scottish motor racing heroes and a world-first gathering to celebrate the Ecurie Ecosse racing team to be displayed in September**
* **World’s first Scottish Motoring Hall of Fame inaugurated at 2015 Concours of Elegance**
* **Main Concours event to be held alongside the Club Trophy, celebrating the best of the UK’s car club national winners**
* **History of motoring celebrated alongside modern day automotive legends from partners such as Bentley and Jaguar**
* **2015 charitable beneficiaries confirmed, including a number of projects in Scotland**

**Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, 24 April 2015 –** Concours of Elegance has announced further details of its 2015 event at a special preview held in Edinburgh, giving an early glimpse of one of the highlights: a priceless Jaguar D-type ‘Long Nose’ Ecurie Ecosse racer, which finished second at Le Mans in 1957, just behind the winning Ecurie car.

Running alongside the main Concours event, made up of 60 of the world’s finest cars, will be the largest ever collection of Ecurie Ecosse racers, ranging from the ‘50s to the modern day. Sir Jackie Stewart, recently named Vice Patron of the Concours of Elegance, will also display his three Formula One Driver’s Championship-winning cars to Holyroodhouse, in another world first.

There will be a separate homage to some of Scotland’s motor racing heroes, including two Formula One cars driven by Jim Clark and Johnny Dumfries’ Le Mans-winning Jaguar XJR-9. Concours of Elegance will also see the first members of the Scottish Motoring Hall of Fame inducted at the event.

In the main Concours display, the organisers have confirmed a number of the stars of the show, which will include a 1933 Hispano-Suiza J12 Cabriolet and the 1911 London-to-Edinburgh Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost.

The Club Trophy will also be held at the Palace in September, featuring hundreds of classic cars from across the UK and the best-of-the-best from the nation’s car clubs. Each club submits their individual Concours winner, which is then judged by a panel of Concours of Elegance experts, chaired by HRH Prince Michael of Kent and guest judges which in recent years have included David Gandy, Mark Knopfler, Jodie Kidd and others. 2015’s judging panel will be confirmed in the summer. The Club Trophy winner car is then entered in to the Concours of Elegance in 2016.

Sir Jackie Stewart, Vice Patron of the Concours of Elegance, said: “This event already has an incredible history, beginning with the Windsor event in 2012, and it’s brilliant to see it heading to Scotland this year. The history, the roads and the scenery mean that Scotland is the perfect place to host our automotive festival of cars old and new here in Edinburgh.”

One of the primary aims of Concours of Elegance is to raise money for charity, and this year’s event will be generating funds for Walking With the Wounded – who will be establishing facilities for ex-military personnel all over Scotland – Action on Addiction and Springfield Motor Racing’s Club for Young People. So far, Concours of Elegance has raised more than £600,000 for its charities.

Concours of Elegance takes place between 4-6 September and has partnered with a series of exclusive brands for the event, including Bentley, Hamilton & Inches, Jaguar, Rolex, Johnnie Walker, Pol Roger and RM Sotheby’s. Tickets are available now from concoursofelegance.co.uk, with an adult ticket costing £35, with discounts for children. A variety of hospitality packages are also available.

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**About the annual Concours of Elegance:**

Established in 2012, the inaugural Concours of Elegance was held within Windsor Castle to mark the diamond jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen’s reign. Organised by Thorough Events, the first Concours of Elegance set a new global benchmark for a classic car concours; winning prestigious awards in the process; unheard of for a ‘start-up’ event in its first year. The second Concours of Elegance was held in 2013 to equal fanfare at the historic Royal Palace of St James in London, with the widely acclaimed and biggest yet third Concours set in the stunning grounds of Hampton Court Palace in September 2014. Only 60 of the highest caliber of cars are invited to the Concours of Elegance (60 being a reference to The Queen’s diamond jubilee which saw the event established in 2012), with the rarest cars in the world, from all over the world, painstakingly selected by the Concours Steering Committee; a respected team of authoritative historic car experts. A key objective of the annual Concours of Elegance is to raise significant sums for charity.

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