



ARTCURIAL RAISES THE BIDDING AT LE MANS CLASSIC!

FRIDAY 9 JULY 2010 – LE MANS CIRCUIT

On July 9th, Artcurial will inaugurate their brand new **Artcurial Motorcars** department with a first auction presenting an exceptional collection including two cars which raced in the 24 Hours of Le Mans: the unique **McLaren F1 GTR** painted by the sculptor César and the **CD Panhard** winner of the index performance in 1962. Two private collections will also be presented; one belonging to a Parisian businessman and made up of nine GTs of the '60-'70s including a **Ferrari 275 GTB/4** (740 000 – 850 000 €), a **Lamborghini Miura SV** (480 000 – 600 000 €), an **AC Cobra 289** (330 000 – 360 000 €) and a more recent **Porsche 959** (180 000 – 200 000 €), all "matching numbers" with pedigrees. Managed by Matthieu Lamoure, seconded by Pierre Novikoff and Iris Hummel, Artcurial Motorcars boasts a new team, experimented and totally dedicated to automobile. Maître Hervé Poulain will of course hold the hammer for this first Artcurial Motorcars auction at Le Mans Classic. The auctioneer, who has always combined art and motor sports, is the instigator of the famous Art Cars decorated by renowned artists and entered in different editions of the 24 Hours of Le Mans. One of the most emblematic is certainly the McLaren F1 GTR painted by César. Hervé Poulain will raise the bidding for this car which he drove at Le Mans in 1995. The very same year, another McLaren F1 GTR won the 24 Hours.

An older model, the emblematic CD Panhard is also on offer. In 1962, the car, bearing the n°53 and driven by the team Alain Bertaut - André Guihaudin wins the Index Performance with an average of 142,793 km/h. An impressive feat for a car with an engine of less than 750 cm³, but a carefully prepared profile allowing a good burst of speed in the almost 6 kilometres long Hunaudières straight. Belonging to the Panhard team Manager of the time, it possesses a unique prize list and is a perfect passport for future editions of Le Mans Classic.

Also presented, another private collection of nine cars including a **Delahaye 135 MS cabriolet Chapron** ex Jacques Dumontant, a rare Left Hand Drive **Aston Martin DBS Vantage** and a **Ferrari 330 GT 2+2** once owned by Baron Empain.

This auction marks a return to "tradition" for Le Mans Classic. In 2004, a Bentley Speed Six was sold for over 4 million euros, breaking the record of the highest bid for a collection car in a European auction.

Entries open – Brochure Deadline 31 May 2010

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