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ASC Classic Gala as the classic car festival in Schwetzingen Palace Park

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Int. Concours d'Elegance

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Concours d'Elegance in Schwetzingen is a traditional event

As the only independent international Concours d'Elegance in Germany, ASC-Classic-Gala Schwetzingen has in the meantime since 2001 made the unique circular baroque park world-famous in the automobile scene. This is because only in Schwetzingen the participating vehicles are lined up according to year of manufacture and theme groups to face the vote of the 25-strong international jury of experts according to FIVA criteria. The name Classic Gala stands for selected exhibits, dignified elegance, culinary delights, music, fashion, choice offers and an exclusive experience for the whole family in the incomparable ambience of one of the most beautiful castle parks in the world.

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Three main themes characterise the ASC Classic Gala Schwetzingen in 2022:

110 Years of Carrozzeria Bertone

showcases Nuccio Bertone's most beautiful creations, commemorating important milestones in automobile design including a FIAT visitor bus for the factory, a Mazda MX 81 family coupé as a prototype and many others, including the Dino Coupé and the NSU Sportprinz, the Lancia Stratos, various Lamborghini or ALFA Romeo.

Röhr Automobile - Upper class from Ober-Ramstadt

For the first time in more than 50 years, more than ten Röhr automobiles will gather to present the entire history of the ambitious manufacturer from the Odenwald. Among them are unique pieces that have never been exhibited in the open air, such as the Type 8 RA Aerable Monobloc from the 1930 Paris Salon, or the Röhr "Olympier", aerodynamically coachbuilt at Autenrieth, which, together with a Lamborghini Miura, also graces the event poster of Japanese car designer Hideo Kodama.

120 years of Cadillac - a festival of American luxury

Even the first Cadillac of 1902 was supposed to be better than other cars. But at the latest with the appearance of the four-cylinder models in 1909, Cadillac claimed for itself the "Standard of the World" - to be the benchmark for the world. With the first series-produced V-8 in 1915 at the latest, the brand strove to reach the top, topped it as early as 1930 with a V-16 and ousted Packard from the top spot by 1935. Classic-Gala Schwetzingen presents the most beautiful Cadillacs from 120 years of American automobile history and also offers the appropriate music and clothing.

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Rarities from all decades

Typical for Classic-Gala Schwetzingen are unique pieces from times long past:

In 2022, these include the Röhr "Tatzelwurm" from the thirties, the Maier Leichtbau from 1936 and the prototype for a small Glas as the successor to the then Glas Isar 600 from the sixties. Particularly interesting is the prototype of a Graham Lachmont Tourer from 1922, which has been dry parked for more than 45 years and now comes to Schwetzingen from Austria completely unrestored.

But also the rivals of the IAA 1957, the BMW 507 and Mercedes 300 SL Roadster stand next to the 300 SL Gullwing. Fittingly, a Mercedes 170 V from the estate car specialist Miesen with a Westfalia-tools-trailer illustrates how a UniMoG-workshop-van was equipped in the 1950s.

An open Hispano-Suiza H 6 and a Mercedes Nürburg 500 as a Pullman limousine from 1931 represent the pinnacle of automotive technology in the early 1930s.

NSU 4-cylinder for cars and motorbikes

Friends of the NSU brand can admire the variants of the series of four-cylinder models, which began with the 1000 C and led via the sports engine of the TT to genuine racing cars by Thurner and Brixner and the most powerful motorbike in the world, the Münch Mammut. The NSU Sportprinz, whose Bertone Coupé was also used as the basis for the NSU Wankelspider, serves as a link to the Bertone special show.

OPEL - from doctor's car to luxury class king

With six rarities, Opel showcases the construction of tailor-made automobiles. The oldest exhibit is an Opel Doktorwagen from before the First World War, complemented by two Opel Kapitän of the late 1930s as a saloon and a cabriolet and an unrestored Opel Super 6 Pullman from 1937.

The upper class also included the Opel Diplomat A Coupe by Karmann and an Admiral A with the V8 engine of the Diplomat, of which only a very few were built.

The special show of the Mercedes-Benz-IG is dedicated to the first Mercedes, officially called the S-Class, which went into series production 50 years ago as the W116, or better known as the 350 SE.

Advance ticket sales began in mid-July.

It is advisable to buy tickets in advance, which the castle administration will again be selling at www.Reservix.de, in order to save waiting times at the castle box offices. To be on the safe side, please keep your distance and wear a face mask (for the interior). In the event of rising incidence numbers, the number of visitors may be regulated by morning and afternoon tickets on all three days.

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Classic meets future - German premiere of Genesis cars

Genesis, the new luxury car brand in Germany, will celebrate its debut in Schwetzingen. In a glass lounge south of the Hirschbrunnen, it will present the electric mobility of the future with 4 new models that have not yet been shown together in Germany. In this way, the 7th ECO Gala will take place on the forecourt of the castle, where visitors can experience a test drive by appointment.

Next year's date is also already fixed: 1 - 3 September 2023

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