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## Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2016: Nine class winners from eight decades of automobile history.

Glittering parade of participants in the park of Villa Erba +++ Expert Jury announces the class winners for historic automobiles +++ Thousands of visitors celebrate the winners of the world's most exclusive beauty contest for classic vehicles steeped in tradition, held on the shores of Lake Como.

**Munich/Cernobbio.** Bright sunshine and thunderous applause from the spectators accompanied the participants at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2016 on Sunday this final day of the event, during their parade to the announcement of the class winners in this year's beauty contest for historic automobiles. The specialist Jury of international experts had previously decided on the winners in the nine award classes from a selected field of 52 rarities spanning eight decades of vehicle history. Thousands of spectators had come together in the awe-inspiring park landscape of Villa Erba against the backdrop of Lake Como to witness the culmination of the weekend's proceedings. They were entranced by the exclusive ambience of the winners' ceremony and the fascinating aura of the award-winning vehicles and their remarkable history.

On the Saturday, the Jury had already announced the winners of the first special prizes awarded across the classes and in accordance with specific criteria. The Coppa d'Oro Villa d'Este had also already been awarded, based on a public referendum. The Sunday traditionally features the presentation ceremonies for the winners of the individual award categories at the world's most exclusive beauty contest for historic automobiles and motorcycles. The Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este culminates in the selection of the recipient of the Trofeo BMW Group associated with the title "Best of Show". The Jury also confers a Mention of Honour in every category. The list of automobiles with a Class Victory or Mention of Honour is provided below with the type of vehicle, coachbuilder and owner:

Class A: PRE-WAR DECADENCE – FLIGHTS OF AUTOMOTIVE FANTASY Class Winner: Lancia Astura IV Serie Convertibile Pinin Farina 1937 Saulius Karosas (LT) Mention of Honour: Squire 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Long Chassis 4-Seater Tourer Ranalah 1935 Peter Neumark, (UK) Class B: PRE-1945 SUPERCARS - THE FAST AND THE FLAMBOYANT Class Winner: Lancia Astura II Serie Berlinetta Castagna 1933 Antonius Meijer (NL) Mention of Honour: Bugatti 57 SC Atalante Coupé Bugatti 1937 Kriton Lendoudis, (GR) Class C: SUR MESURE ET HAUTE COUTURE - RARITIES FOR THE CONNOISSEUR Class Winner: Bentley T Speciale Coupé Anthony Bamford (UK) Pininfarina 1968 Mention of Honour: **Rolls-Royce** Sedanca de Ville Hooper Phantom IV Ion Tiriac (RO) 1952 Class D: PETITE PERFORMANCE - PRETTY POCKET ROCKETS Class Winner: Maserati A6 GCS Berlinetta Pinin Farina 1954 Destriero Collection (MC) Mention of Honour: Fiat 8V Supersonic Coupé Ghia Marc Behaegel (BE) 1954 Class E: DARING TO BE DIFFERENT - DESIGNS THAT PUSHED THE ENVELOPE Class Winner: Fiat 8V Coupé Zagato 1955 Jack Crowl (US) Mention of Honour: Maserati 200 SI Barchetta Egon Zweimüller (AT) Fantuzzi 1957

Class F: CARS OF THE STARS – FROM THE SILVER SCREEN TO THE STUDIO LOT				
Class Winner:				
Ferrari 275 GTB/4	Berlinetta	Scaglietti	1967	David Moores (UK)
Mention of Honour:				
Dual-Ghia	Convertibile	Ghia	1957	Arnold Stevens (US)
Class G: GT MAN IS BACK – THE GOLDEN ERA OF SPORTS CAR DESIGN, 1950–1975				
Class Winner:				
Aston Martin DB 4 GT Zaga	to Coupé	Zagato	1961	David Sydorick (US)
Mention of Honour:				
Bizzarrini 1900 GT Europa	Coupé	Labronplastic	1968	Peter Mooser (CH)
Class H: DRIVEN BY EXCESS – FROM GLAM ROCK TO NEW WAVE				
Class Winner:				
Lamborghini Countach "Walter Wolf" Coupé Bertone			1976	Jota Collection (IT)
Mention of Honour:				
Lamborghini Athon	Roadster	Bertone	1980	Albert Spiess (CH)
Class I: RALLY CARS – HEROES OF A SPECIAL STAGE, 1955–1985				
Class Winner:				
Ford Escort RS 1600	Saloon	Ford	1972	Claude Nahum (CH)
Mention of Honour:				
Porsche 911	Coupé	Porsche	1964	Rolf Richter (DE)

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