### THE EVENT

The 2025 *L'Atelier Paris* Concours d'Elegance Durban will take place on Sunday 07 September 2025 at Chris Saunders Park, Umhlanga, KwaZulu- Natal, South Africa. The Concours d'Elegance Durban first began at the Durban Country Club in 2017, before moving to Chris Saunders Park in 2024.

The *L'Atelier Paris* Concours d'Elegance Durban will once again bring together a selection of 60 desirable cars from around the country – many of which will not have been seen before in KZN.

Complementing the *L'Atelier Paris* Concours d'Elegance Durban will be a separate Concours for "UNDER 30 years" and younger entrants who own cars between 1900 and 1997 as well as displays of other fine motor cars. Another unique addition to this year's event is" The Club Trophy" which will see some of KZN's most prestigious car clubs offering up their finest examples to an independent panel of judges. The winning Club Trophy car will secure a place in next year's main Concours d' Elegance event.

# ON LINE REGISTRATIONS

Thank you for your interest in registering your Classic motor vehicle for the *L'Atelier Paris* Concours d'Elegance Durban 2025.

To register your motor vehicle please click "REGISTER" below and provide the required information on the relevant pages that follow.

Our online registration is designed to provide a convenient and efficient way to manage your vehicle's registration.

Please note that certain fields within the registration are mandatory as they represent the minimum requirements for the Selection Committee to assess your registration. The more information you provide during the initial registration will greatly assist the committee in ruling on your application.

Please note that after submitting your initial registration, you will still have the option to update or modify your information as needed.

Should you require any assistance during the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact Tiana Marshman (Liaison Officer) on Mobile 076 817 3838.

# REGISTER

We would be delighted to keep you informed of all the latest news and developments regarding the *L'Atelier Paris* Concours d'Elegance Durban 2025 on these pages or by newsletter directly to your inbox. Please subscribe to our newsletter

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### SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee is an independent body, put in place to suggest vehicles as well as to ensure standards that are expected of a world class Concours d' Elegance are maintained.

Members of our Selection Committee will spend several weeks reviewing entrant applications as well as researching the vehicle entries that have been submitted.

Our Selection Committee is made up of knowledgeable experts and it is seldom that a vehicle is submitted that is unknown to any of them. Each vehicle is carefully considered and discussed in depth during the selection phase.

### JUDGING PROCESS

# Introducing the Concours cars

Sixty of the finest classic cars, spanning approximately 100 years of automotive evolution, will each be driven onto the main stage, throughout the day, for individual judging. The Concours cars and owners will each be introduced to guests by our Master of Ceremonies, A.N.Other.

The Concours d'Elegance is not a contest of speed but one of elegance. Vehicles are judged by their style and technical merit, their known history, originality and the accuracy of their preservation or restoration.

# Car Club Displays & Club Trophy

L'Atelier Paris Concours d'Elegance Durban will be inviting leading car clubs from KZN and further afield to attend and park their cars within the grounds of Chris Saunders Park for all to admire and enjoy the sights thereof. With support from Porsche, Ferrari, Club #2, Club #3 and Mercedes-Benz owners' clubs, visitors to the Concours can assured there will be an eclectic selection of rare, luxury and performance cars on display from each of these Clubs.

An independent panel of judges will conduct and assess the vehicles on display to select an overall winner, who will then be automatically included as part of the main Concours event next year.

# "BEST OF SHOW"

The success of the *L'Atelier Paris* Concours d'Elegance Durban rests with the knowledgeable experts who will judge the entrants invited to attend the event.

The Judges focus first on originality and authenticity, to ensure that vehicles are properly preserved or restored before assessing the entries with an eye on elegance.

To be eligible to vie for the "Best of Show", the event's top award, the vehicles must be Class winners on the day.

All Class winners will then be judged against each other by the Owners of all eligible entered vehicles at this year's *L'Atelier Paris* Concours d'Elegance Durban. Each participant will have one vote to cast in deciding which car is worthy for consideration and title of the 'Best of Show' award. The vehicle with the most votes will be awarded the coveted "Best of Show" award.

However, in the event of a tie, the Chief Judge, in consultation with the Chief Officer, will have either the final casting vote OR, alternatively, call for a re-assessment of the two tied vehicles by the relative Class winning entrants.

# **AWARDS & TROPHIES**

Some 60 of South Africa's desirable classic motorcars, ranging from the very earliest pioneering models to the present, are being brought from around the country to compete for the highly coveted 'Best of Show' award.

Uniquely, the 'Best of Show' winner is determined by the Owners' themselves. Each owner has one vote to choose the car, other than their own, which they believe to be the finest motor car entered into the Concours.

#### **2025 AWARDS**

**Best of Show** 

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Vintage – includes all vehicles up to 1930

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**Post-Vintage – 1931 to 1945** 

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Pre-1960

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Pre-1970

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**Future Classics** 

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The Club Trophy

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**UNDER 30 Concours** 

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D-J Motorcycles

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**Spectators Choice** 

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# **Grand Departure**

As the *L'Atelier Paris* Concours of Elegance Durban 2025 draws to a close on Sunday afternoon, there is still one last spectacle for visitors and guests to witness – the Grand Departure.

The sixty unique classic cars will start their engines and prepare to drive a final, orderly lap around the lake, as hundreds of spectators and enthusiasts look on to wave the Concours cars goodbye, before they leave the grounds of Chris Saunders Park for another year. It will truly be a fitting end to an incredible day.

We truly look forward to welcoming you to our Event.

Yours in motoring,

L'Atelier Paris Concours d'Elegance Durban Team