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Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

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CELEBRATE THE ART OF THE AUTOMOBILE AT THE MONTGOMERY MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS' 2022 FUNDRAISER

If you're a car enthusiast, collector, or lover of design, then you won't want to miss this unforgettable outdoor experience!



2020 Ferrari F8 Tributo*; Photograph via Ferrari.com
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Montgomery, AL, April 21, 2022 – On Friday, May 13 at 6:30 PM, the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) will host some of the most exquisite, vintage, and state-of-the-art cars in Montgomery and the surrounding areas in the John and Joyce Caddell Sculpture Garden. This event celebrates the decades-long passion of car enthusiasts, collectors, and lovers of design; funds raised through sponsorships, ticket sales, and silent auction items will support the mission of the MMFA of providing compelling experiences centered on human creativity for the community members of the City, County, and River Region.

MMFA Director Angie Dodson says, “as I hinted last fall when we announced the final Art Auction, the Museum is excited to welcome supporters of our mission to our new ‘party with a purpose.’ We cherish the opportunity to engage with new audiences by creating unique experiences that enrich our community and benefit the Museum. Set in the lush Caddell Sculpture Garden, Art and the Automobile is sure to be an unforgettable night.”

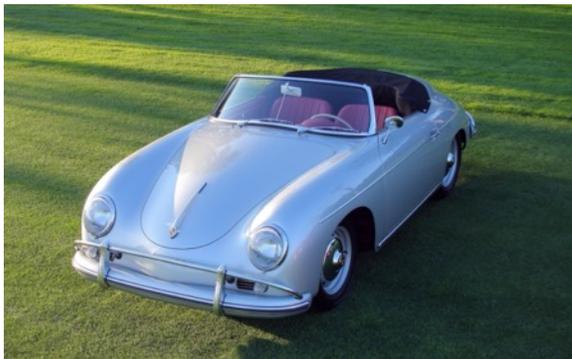
Ubiquitous in our daily lives, the car is both a practical machine and a work of aesthetic beauty. When designing a new automobile, designers consider line, texture, color, and space in their early sketches before clay models are fashioned, presented, critiqued, and refined. These sculptures are then translated by engineers, who create precise specifications for what many car owners describe as works of art.

At the event, auto enthusiasts, collectors, and design lovers are invited to enjoy a dozen vintage, luxury, and exotic automobiles—such as a 1933 Chrysler Imperial LeBaron and a 2020 Ferrari F8 Tributo—in the unique setting of the Caddell Sculpture Garden. In addition to the automobiles on view, attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on various experiences at a silent auction—including a Porsche Driving Experience at Barber Motor Sports in Birmingham, tickets to the Auburn University vs. Alabama University football game, and many more auction items. Bidding will open online on May 6 with final bidding required in person on the evening of the event.



1971 Chevrolet Corvette*; Photograph by Jerry Edmundson via Flickr

Tickets for the cocktail party and silent auction are \$60 per person and can be purchased at mmfa.org/automobile. In the event of inclement weather, only a limited selection of the automobiles will be on view, and the cocktail party and silent auction will be moved indoors.



1959 Porsche 356*; Photograph by Rex Gray, via Flickr

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* Note: Images are representative of automobiles that will be on view. For a complete list of cars, visit mmfa.org/automobile

FOR YOUR SAFETY | COVID-19

The MMFA remains committed to serving our members and visitors safely and responsibly, especially during the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. According to your comfort level, all Museum visitors are welcome to mask and encouraged to practice social distancing during their visit. If you are feeling ill or

have recently been exposed to COVID-19, please [refer to CDC quarantine guidelines](#) before visiting the Museum.

MMFA BACKGROUND

The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts was founded in 1930 by a group of local artists as a place for both exhibiting art and space for art education. The original intentions of our founders—to exhibit and teach—continue to inspire and inform every action and activity here at the Museum which, since 1988, has shared the 277-acre Blount Cultural Park with our partners across the lake at the celebrated Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

Today’s MMFA visitors stroll through art-studded grounds and permanent collection galleries. They see compelling changing exhibitions and learn about art by playing in our interactive gallery, ArtWorks, making art in its bustling studios, or by participating in other engaging events and programs. And, as of late September 2018, MMFA visitors can now relax and recharge in the serenity of our stunning new three-acre sculpture garden.

While the Museum’s collection is still home to the art of many of the regional artists who first established it, over time it has become known for its strength in American art and Old Master Prints. Recent, important acquisitions of art made by African American and Asian artists and works inspired by images and themes related to the experiences of these groups represent the breadth and depth of the lives and concerns of those who now call Montgomery and the River Region home. Through the exhibition of this work as well as the programs and events that help connect our communities with it, the MMFA is recognized as a leading arts and cultural resource here in the state and Southeastern region.

The MMFA is a department of the City of Montgomery and is supported by funds from the City of Montgomery, with additional funds from the Montgomery County Commission and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association. Programs are made possible, in part, by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT:	Art and the Automobile
WHEN:	Friday, May 13, 2022; 6:30–9:30 PM
WHERE:	Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park One Museum Drive Montgomery, AL 36117
INFORMATION:	mmfa.org 334.625.4333 @MontgomeryMFA

HOURS:

Galleries, Mondays, Closed
Sculpture Garden, Tuesdays–Saturdays, 10 AM–5 PM
Terrace, and Store: Sundays, Noon to 5 PM
Last entry at 4:45 PM

ADMISSION:

Event: \$60 per person, tickets available at mmfa.org/automobile
General: Free! With ample, free parking.

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