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## John Lennon's 1965 Mercedes-Benz 230S up for auction at Scottsdale

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Auburn, Indiana – *Worldwide Auctioneers* confirmed that Beatle John Lennon's personal 1965 Mercedes-Benz 230SL will go under the hammer at its Scottsdale sale on Wednesday, January 18th. "We are thrilled to announce the addition of this historic motorcar to our Scottsdale lineup, once the personal property of one of the most influential and celebrated music icons on the planet," said John Kruse, Principal at Worldwide. "The car was delivered new to John Lennon in London in 1965, as attested by the accompanying original title documentation, when *The Beatles* were riding the crest of a wave. This is a rare chance for a collector to make a once in a lifetime acquisition." The car is presented for sale in excellent condition, finished in blue with right hand drive and with optional automatic transmission, as requested by Lennon himself.



Photo- Chip Riegel

Another special vehicle slated to cross the block is an extraordinary “farm-find” 1961 Aston Martin DB4, recently discovered after 45 years in the New Hampshire woods. Presented for sale as a veritable time capsule, largely as found, the car is a factory left- hand drive example with decades long single ownership. “We’re delighted to be entrusted with the sale of this astonishing car, literally straight out of the woods, an amazing discovery with a fascinating history”, said Rod Egan, Principal and Chief Auctioneer. “The response from both prospective buyers and sellers to our inaugural Arizona sale has been fantastic. We look forward to welcoming old friends and new to Scottsdale in January with a very diverse line-up of great motorcars.”



Other notable sports cars consigned to the **Scottsdale Auction** include a rare Bloomington Gold Certified 1967 Chevrolet Corvette L88 Roadster, 1 of a total of only 20 RPO L88 Corvettes, often regarded as the finest L88 Roadster extant, with outstanding provenance and ownership history including Otis Chandler and Kevin Suydam. The sale will also offer something special for Shelby devotees, like an historic 1966 GT350 Convertible offered without reserve, 1 of the 4 Shelby GT350 convertibles produced in 1966 and documented in the SAAC Shelby American World Registry and a numbers matching 1966 Shelby GT350H, believed to be the first black/gold car built.

Striking pre-war consignments include a wonderful 1934 Rolls-Royce Drophead Coupe with magnifi-

cent sporting coachwork by Binder, a very desirable 1937 Packard Twelve Convertible Victoria, a stunning 1937 Cord 812 SC Cabriolet, formerly of the Blackhawk and Malcolm Pray Collections and a concours level 1936 Alvis Silver Eagle SG Sport Tourer, a CCCA Full Classic.

Currently consigned cars and up to the minute consignment information is available online at [worldwide-auctioneers.com](http://worldwide-auctioneers.com). Quality consignments are still invited and may be discussed with any of Worldwide's Specialists at 1.260.925.6789.

The Scottsdale Auction is scheduled for 5pm on Wednesday January 18, 2017 at the Scottsdale Auto Park on E. McDowell Road. Consignments may be previewed from 9am on Sunday January 15 up until the auction itself. The VIP Bidder's Reception is from 3-5pm on Wednesday January 18. Admission by catalogue is \$75, to include catalogue, VIP reception, admission for one and seating based on availability. Admission for one without catalogue is \$30. Bidder registration is \$150 and includes two VIP seating passes and a catalogue. To order a catalogue, register to bid or request any further information call 800.990.6789 or 1.260.925.6789.



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