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Bonhams & Goodman Auction 30th Nov 2003, Sydney - Preview



Sydney-based Australian house Goodmans, now part of Bonhams and retitled 'Bonhams & Goodman', are holding another select sale of motor cars on November 30th. Included in the sale will be such gems as a 1969 Aston Martin DB6 Mk2 for \$Aus55,000 - 70,000 and a rather sporting looking 1925 Rolls-Royce Phantom Sports Tourer for \$Aus68,000 - 80,000.

The **Aston Martin DB6** had travelled out with its owner from the UK to New Zealand in 1982 having been converted from its original fuel injection set-up to 3 x Webers by marque expert Peter Austen-Smith. Attractively finished in blue it must be unique in carrying the same New South Wales registration number as it originally had in the United Kingdom!

The **1925 Rolls-Royce Phantom Sports Tourer** is one of two Phantoms for sale and features two-seater boat-tail bodywork with dicky seat. With a neat fabric-covered trunk fitted above the fuel tank, it's finished in green fabric with timber on top - the bonnet being bare aluminium and the mudguards black. The car was originally sold by Croall of Edinburgh to Mr James McKelvie of Knightsbridge, who also had an address in Edinburgh. It was, unusually, fitted with a Coupe de Ville body by Saoutchik which had a weight of 131.2cwts. In October 1928 it was shipped to Sydney per the S.S. "Moldavia" for a Mr Paul Ross of Burwood. After passing through several ownerships it remained in NSW, Australia and in the mid sixties the roadster body seen here was fitted. An attractive car, in the sporting Rolls-Royce style, it looks a good by at a price roughly equating to £Stg28,000 – 32,000.

Another car from the Rolls-Royce and Bentley stable is the **1956 Bentley S1 Continental by H.J.Mulliner** at \$Aus120,000 – 180,000, an example that was delivered in October 1956 to J. Prideaux-Brune of Cornwall, England. Many extra features had been set out in the H.J. Mulliner order book including Reutter reclining seats, picnic tables, cocktail cabinets in the front doors, extra ashtrays and lighters to each seat, extension speakers, extra ventilation, electric razor outlet and fold-up rear seat. Bonhams & Goodman are informed that the original owner kept the car until 1983 when it was sold to a New York enthusiast who did not register the car. Arriving in Australia in 1995, this car has had only four owners. Many experts now consider the S1 Continental to be the very finest version of the car to use on everyday journeys – better even than the R-Type and prices today are beginning to reflect this. An estimate of around the £Stg65,000 mark is good value in today's market.

FULL MOTOR VEHICLE LOTLIST -

Please note:

The vehicle names/details below are as given by the auction house. All prices in \$Aus.

Car	Price \$Aus
Aston Martin DB6 Mk2 1969	55.000 - 70.000
Bentley S1 Continental by H.J.Mulliner 1956	120.000 - 180.000
Citroen DS 21 1970	P.O.R.
Daimler Century Roadster 1954	26.000 - 35.000
Ford Mustang 2 + 2 Fastback 1965	28.000 - 36.000
MG TF Roadster 1955	18.000 - 24.000
Rolls-Royce Phantom California Hardtop 1925	80.000 - 100.000
Rolls-Royce Phantom Sports Tourer 1925	68.000 - 80.000
Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud 1962	45.000 - 65.000
Vauxhall Velox 18-6 Sport Vagabond Holden bodied Sports Tourer 1953	16.000 - 24.000
VW Karmann Cabriolet 1954	20.000 - 30.000

For information - the prices shown above are in Australian Dollars. At the time of writing US\$1.00 = Aus\$1.39 and ES\$1.00 = Aus\$2.36.

The sale and viewing will take place at:

7 Anderson Street Double Bay, NSW 2028. Australia Start time:

Sunday 30 November 12 Noon

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