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ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY TO EXHIBIT CLASSIC CARS AT SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE|SFGATE.COM 53rd ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (October 25, 2010) – The San Francisco Chronicle|SFGate.com 53rd Annual International Auto Show, presented by AutoTrader.com, November 20-28 at Moscone Center, will feature the largest display of classic cars in show history.

San Francisco's Academy of Art University Museum will exhibit approximately 37 "Timeless Classics" selected for the show by the University's Industrial Design Department Director Tom Matano.

Matano, a designer at Mazda for 20 years before joining the faculty at the University eight years ago, has put together a priceless selection of 37 automobiles from the 1920's-1960's that represent the elegance, style, craftsmanship, technology and innovative spirit of each era. This collection is primarily used for student reference in the School of Industrial Design. Also on view will be the Academy of Art University Traveling Show, showcasing the best student work from each of the 16 majors offered by the school.

Most of the automobile collection is housed in the museum of the university's Industrial Design Department on Van Ness Avenue. The cars were collected by Richard A. Stephens, son of the late Richard S. Stevens, who founded the University in 1929 and served as its president until 1951. The younger Stephens served as president until 1992, when he was succeeded by his daughter, Elisa Stephens, and named Chair Emeritus.

Although Matano's department has one of the youngest automobile design programs in the country, in existence for just 10 years and the list of companies that have hired graduates is impressive: BMW Design, Works, GM, Mazda, Toyota, Fox Racing, Black & Decker, Camelback (CQ) Hasbro, Mattel Tigo, LG Electronics, Microsoft, Nike, tech stock companies NVIDIA and Palm Inc; Samsung, Tony, Sketchers North Face and Timbuk 2 Designs.

The cars expected to be on display from the Academy of Art University collection include: 1920's: 1929 Auburn 8 Convertible Coupe; 1929 Duesenberg Murphy Convertible Sedan; 1929 Stutz DV16 Town Car. 1930's: 1930 Auburn 8 Deluxe Sedan; 1931 Cord L29 Convertible Coupe; 1931 Chrysler Imperial Coupe; 1932 Duesenberg Rollston Torpedo Berline; 1932 Rolls Royce Phantom II Henley Roadster; 1933 Lincoln KB Dietrich Convertible Sedan; 1933 Packard 12 Dietrich Coupe; 1933 Pierce-Arrow 12 Convertible Sedan; 1934 Ford V8 Phaeton; 1935 Auburn 851 SC Coupe; 1935 Auburn 851 SC Speedster; 1937 Delage D8-120 Drop-Head Coupe; 1937 Lagonda Rapide Sport Tourer; 1937 Mercedes-Benz 540K Cabriolet B; 1938 MG Tickford 3 Position Top; 1939 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 Berlinetta Aero. 1940's: 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet; 1941 Cadillac 62 Convertible Coupe; 1947 Cisitalia 202 Cabriolet; 1948 Chrysler Town & Country Convertible; 1949 Cadillac 62 Coupe; 1949 MG TA. 1950's: 1952 Allard J2X; 1954 Volkswagen; 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL; 1956 Mercedes-Benz 300SC Coupe; 1957 BMW Isetta 300; 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible; 1959 Chevrolet Corvette; 1959 Edsel Convertible Coupe. 1960's: 1961 Austin-Healey Roadster; 1964 Jaguar XKE Coupe; 1965 Aston Martin DB 5; 1965 Ferrari 275 GTB.

About the Academy of Art University:

With more than 16,000 students, Academy of Art University is the nation's largest private art and design university. Established in 1929, the school offers accredited AA, BA, BFA, MA, M.Arch and MFA programs in 16 different majors, as well as continuing art education, with classes in Advertising, Animation & Visual Effects, Architecture, Art Education, Fashion, Fine Art, Game Design, Graphic Design, Illustration, Industrial Design, Interior Architecture & Design, Motion Pictures & Television, Multimedia Communications, Music for Visual Media, Photography and Web Design & New Media. Art Education is the school's newest major, offering BFA and MA degrees. Students can also enroll in flexible online degree programs in most majors. Academy of Art University is an accredited member of WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges), NASAD, Council for Interior Design Accreditation (BFA-IAD) and NAAB (M-ARCH). For more information, visit www.academyart.edu or call 1-800-544-2787.

About the San Francisco Chronicle|SFGate.com 53rd International Auto Show:

The San Francisco Chronicle|SFGate.com 53rd International Auto Show presented by AutoTrader.com is supported by the California New Car Dealers Association. It is the largest auto exposition in Northern California and the only one held regionally that attracts the dazzling high-tech displays from the world's major manufacturers. This year's show will be highlighted by the new 2011 models vehicles from 35 manufacturers. In addition to the 2011 model vehicles and the popular Academy of Art University Classic Car Collection, the Auto Show will feature alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles, the Aftermarket Alley with tricked-out vehicles and aftermarket products, the AAA Greenlight Showcase, Dominator Hot Rods, racecars and provides a glimpse into the future with prototypes and concept vehicles. The Show will also have an auto accessory booth area and much more.

The Auto Show will have more than 600 vehicles filling the 1.2 million sq. ft. Moscone Center and is expected to draw 350,000 spectators making it the largest exhibition of any kind in Northern California and the second largest auto show in the western United States.

Show hours are:

Sunday, November 20 – Saturday, November 27: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 28: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Admission is \$9 for adults with children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information visit www.sfautoshow.com.

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