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The Holyroodhouse Concours of Elegance

Palace of Holyroodhouse - Edinburgh

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USPA NEWS - Her Majesty The Queen has graciously granted her permission for the Concours to be held at her official residence in Scotland, uniquely marking the fourth consecutive year this award-winning event has been held at a Royal venue.

The Concours of Elegance began at Windsor Castle in 2012, before moving to St James´s Palace in 2013, with 2014´s event taking place to huge acclaim at Hampton Court Palace. The Holyroodhouse Concours of Elegance will bring together 60 of the rarest cars from around the world "" many of which have never been seen before in the UK. Many of these 60 cars will complete a driving tour of Scotland on 2-3 September, in the days running up to the main Concours event.

Uniquely, the Concours of Elegance winner isn´t selected by a panel of judges but by the owners of the cars themselves. Each participant is asked to vote on the other models on display to decide which car is considered to be the most elegant. Complementing the Concours of Elegance event will be displays of hundreds of other fine motor cars, including entrants to the Club Trophy. Now in its second year, the Club Trophy sees some of the UK´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 the 2016 Concours of Elegance.

About the Palace of Holyroodhouse
The Queen is in residence at the Palace of Holyroodhouse during Holyrood week, which usually takes place from the end of June to the beginning of July. Then the Scottish variant of the Royal Standard of the United Kingdom is flown, and the Royal Company of Archers forms Her Majesty´s ceremonial bodyguard. At the start of The Queen´s visit, the Palace forecourt is transformed into a crowded and colourful parade ground, where 700 guests stand to watch the enactment of an ancient ceremony, the Presentation of the Keys of the City of Edinburgh. On her arrival in the forecourt, The Queen is presented with a red-velvet cushion, on which rests the great key of the city.

It is handed to The Queen by the Lord Provost, who welcomes Her Majesty formally and pledges her the city´s loyalty. Her Majesty then hands back the key for safekeeping. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh entertain around 8,000 guests from all walks of Scottish life during the Holyrood week. Her Majesty holds Investitures in the Great Gallery, audiences in the Morning Drawing Room and a Garden Party.

The Queen received His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI at Holyroodhouse during The Pope´s official visit to the UK in September 2010. Prince Charles resides at Holyroodhouse for one week a year, carrying out official duties as The Duke of Rothesay.

The Holyroodhouse Concours of Elegance is on the 5th & 6th of September.
Tickets
Adult Day Admission (from 9.30am) £35
Adult Afternoon Admission (after 1.00pm) £25
Senior Citizen (over 60) Day Admission £25
Student Day Admission £15
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