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John Lennon specified the order for this 1965 Mercedes-Benz 230SL | Worldwide Auctioneers photos

**J**ohn Lennon's 1965 Mercedes-Benz 230SL will be featured in the docket for Worldwide Auctioneers' inaugural Scottsdale sale, scheduled for January 18, 2017.

"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," John Kruse of Worldwide said in a news release.

"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," Kruse added.

"This is a rare chance for a collector to make a once-in-a-lifetime acquisition."

Worldwide said the car is being presented in excellent condition, finished in blue with right-hand drive and with automatic transmission, an option requested by Lennon when he ordered the car.

Also on the docket for the auction is a "farm-found" 1961 Aston Martin DB4, which Worldwide said was discovered recently after 45 years in a New Hampshire woods. The car is a left-hand-drive example with single-ownership history.



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Aston is a restoration project

"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, a Worldwide partner and chief auctioneer.

Worldwide said its first Arizona auction also will include:

- A Bloomington Gold-certified 1967 Chevrolet Corvette L88 roadster, one of only 20 produced and formerly part of the Otis Chandler collection.



One of only 20 1967 L88 Corvette convertibles

- A 1966 Shelby GT350 Ford Mustang convertible being offered without reserve.
- A 1966 Shelby GT350H believed to be the first built in the black-and-gold color scheme.
- A 1934 Rolls-Royce drophead coupe with coachwork by Binder.
- A 1937 Packard Twelve Convertible Victoria.
- A 1937 Cord 812 SC cabriolet formerly part of the Blackhawk and Malcolm Pray collections.
- A concours-quality 1936 Alvis Silver Eagle SG Sport Tourer that is a full CCCA Classic.

**"The response from both prospective buyers and sellers to our inaugural Arizona sale has been fantastic,"** Egan said. "We look forward to welcoming old friends and new to Scottsdale in January with a very diverse lineup of great motorcars."

The sale starts at 5 p.m. January 18 at the Scottsdale Auto Park. The auction preview opens Sunday, January 15. For more information, visit the **Worldwide Auctioneers website**.