

## Simeone Museum's 10th Annual "Spirit of Competition" Award

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The Simeone Foundation Auto Museum, this week, announced their annual Spirit of Competition award winner. The Spirit of Competition represents the most prestigious award conferred by the Foundation. Each year, a distinguished figure from motorsports who has a specific inspirational message, is selected to receive this award.



Derek Bell, Goodwood Festival of Speed, 13 July 2008

Automotive impresario, founder and director of the Amelia Island Concours, Bill Warner, will act as MC at the event on Wednesday, November 15th when the 10th Spirit of Competition award will be presented to Derek Bell MBE.

Derek Bell, the five-time 24 Hours of Le Mans winner, the three-time 24 Hours of Daytona winner and the twice World Sports Car Champion, is, without question, one of the greatest race car drivers to ever compete in endurance racing. His skill in motorsports resulted in the Queen of England awarding him the MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) in 1986.

His career started in the 1960s and saw him in the Ferrari 512 and Porsche 917, the Gulf-Mirage era, Renault's turbo effort at Le Mans, the Porsche 936, Porsche 956 and 962, the Kremer Porsche K8, the Ferrari 333 SP, and the McLaren F1, which earned him yet another Le Mans podium, with his son Justin, on Father's Day in 1995. The latter was one of the proudest moments of his career.



Derek Bell MBE at the Salon Privé in London in 2011

For the first time this year, the Jane Dusek Award will be presented to a woman who represents the characteristics of our long-time foundation friend, someone whose enthusiasm for automotive competition is shared with the motorsport community. This year's awardee will be Sally DeLorean.

Guests are invited to join Simeone Foundation Auto Museum in honouring Derek with the "Spirit of Competition" award. The November 15th event begins at 6:00 pm and will consist of a dinner with open bar, award presentation, with music and entertainment. Tickets are \$150 per person, \$275 for a pair of 2 tickets, and \$1000 for a table of 8 people which can be purchased through EventBrite.



Derek Bell MBE giving a talk at Silverstone Auction's Porsche evening, Silverstone, 15 October 2016

## Venue

Located in Philadelphia, PA, the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum is one of the world's greatest collections of racing sports cars. Through the theme, "The Spirit of Competition," they celebrate the history and evolution of these magnificent machines. Assembled over 50 years by Dr. Frederick Simeone, the Museum contains over 65 historically significant cars including Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Bugatti, Mercedes, Jaguar, Bentley, Porsche, Aston Martin, Corvette, Ford and more.

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