

MOTORCLASSICA

Aussie show puts Melbourne on the event calendar

22-24 October, Carlton Gardens, Melbourne, Australia



Above Melbourne's Royal Exhibition Building was packed to the rafters with concours cars and a knowledgeable and enthusiastic audience.

'IT WAS AN EVENT that had a great spirit and atmosphere, with wonderful cars and their owners in the perfect setting at the Royal Exhibition Building.'

So said Paul Mathers, organiser of the first Motorclassica, a new combined classic motor show and concours d'élégance held in Melbourne.

Of course, you'd expect the man who's put so much work into making the show happen to be slightly biased, but the size of the crowd (which hadn't been confirmed as

we went to press, but see the picture above) certainly suggested that Motorclassica was very popular with Australian car fans.

Sir Stirling Moss, appearing at the event as a guest concours judge, commented: 'It was wonderful to see so many people looking at the cars. I'd be surprised if it didn't grow, because it was a great success.' Sir Stirling went on to praise the venue, saying it was 'absolutely beautiful'.

Best in Show was awarded to Bob Lorkowski's magnificent 1928 Daimler

Double-Six Limousine – Lorkowski had travelled from Wisconsin, USA, to attend this promising new event.

Outside, Motorclassica kicked off with a Tour Classica through Melbourne's city streets, while classics and crowds gathered in picturesque Argyle Square for a picnic with a display of around 60 cars put on by Australian classic car clubs.

Motorclassica looks set to return in 2011, with Mathers expressing an interest in repeating the event – but bigger and better.