

# 2011 KIRKLAND CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE PROVIDES WORLD'S FINEST COLLECTOR VEHICLES, DRIVING ADVENTURES AND WASHINGTON WINES

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The Ninth Annual Phil Smart Kirkland Concours d'Elegance, held Thursday, September 8 through Sunday, September 11, 2011, is the Pacific Northwest's premier Concours event offering a weekend of festivities for car, food and wine enthusiasts. The weekend of events will be capped off by an awards ceremony for the winners of each of the 14 car classes including, Aston Martin, Working Girls, Straight Axle Corvettes, Collector's Class, and Vintage Wooden Boats. All proceeds will benefit the uncompensated care funds for children at Seattle Children's Hospital and Evergreen Hospital Medical Center. The Kirkland Concours d'Elegance has donated more than one million dollars to these hospitals over the past eight years.



## WHEN

Thursday, September 8 – Sunday, September 11, 2011

## WHERE

Carillon Point in Kirkland, Washington.

## EVENTS

Come view and learn more about an exquisite collection of vintage automobiles, taste some of Washington's finest wines, and take in the excitement of the award ceremony aided by a very special group of judges:

### **Kirkland Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Point: Sunday, September 11, 2011 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)**

Offering an interactive and inviting atmosphere for car enthusiasts and those interested in viewing unique historical examples of automotive design, the shores of Lake Washington will feature some of the world's premium vintage automobiles, motorcycles and wooden boats. This year's event will highlight the rich automotive history of the British luxury sports car maker Aston Martin and will feature the Aston Martin DB5 driven by Sean Connery in Goldfinger.



### **Vin d'Elegance in Woodinville Wine Country: Saturday, September 10, 2011 (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.)**

Vin d'Elegance offers a taste of some of Washington's finest wines and an eyeful of vintage automobiles from the Kirkland Concours. The event will be held in Woodinville Wine Country at various participating wineries.

### **Awards Ceremony: Sunday, September 11, 2011 (3 p.m.)**

In addition to the highly qualified judges participating in the awards ceremony, each year one award is judged and presented by "Junior Judges," a group of 14 specially selected children – 12 from the Lake Washington School District, one former patient of Evergreen Hospital Medical Center and one former patient of Seattle Children's Hospital. The children, aged 10-13, work together to select their favorite automobile, while learning about automotive history, the important work of the hospitals and the significance of giving back to the community.

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Additionally, for car enthusiasts and collectors\* there are two options for private automobile tours:

**Tour d'Elegance to the Olympic Peninsula: Thursday, September 8 (8:30 a.m.)– Saturday, September 10, 2011**

The Tour d'Elegance is a private three-day driving adventure west to the Olympic Peninsula that draws individuals from across the country to enjoy Northwest scenery, amazing private automobile collections, premier accommodations, and fine food and wine.

[www.kirklandconcoors.com/tour.html](http://www.kirklandconcoors.com/tour.html)



**Inaugural Tour d'Jour through King and Pierce County: Friday, September 9, 2011**

A new addition to the weekend, the Tour d'Jour is a half day tour through the scenic roads of Washington's King and Pierce Counties. This event is open to vintage, collectible and modern model sports cars.

James Bond fans won't want to miss this private "Casino Royale" themed Grand Gala:

**The Grand Gala at Carillon Point: Saturday, September 10, 2011**

Taking place under the stars on the main plaza at Carillon Point, the private "Casino Royale" themed Grand Gala will be inspired by the famous James Bond Aston Martin DB5, which will be on-site during the event. The elegant evening will feature dining, dancing and mingling on the shores of Lake Washington.

*\*Those not participating in the tours are encouraged to join the crowds as we send them off on their driving adventures from Carillon Point.*

**TICKETS**

Adult tickets are \$25; Youth tickets (ages 7-17) are \$10; Children 7 and under are free.

Tickets may be purchased in advance through the Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce at 425-822-7066 and are also available at the main gate during the event.

**PARKING**

Free parking is available on the grounds of Carillon Point.

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Additional details and imagery of the Kirkland Concours d'Elegance are available at [www.kirklandconcoors.com](http://www.kirklandconcoors.com).

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