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## Porsche celebrates sports and racing legacy with special exhibition in Monaco

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Porsche lent six of its racing cars to the special exhibition. Image credit: Mika Alesi/Palais princier

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German automaker **Porsche** is being feted for its long legacy as a premier producer of sports and racing cars.

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"75 Years of Porsche Sports Cars," a retrospective exhibition, will be on display at Cercle des Amis de la Collection de Voitures de S.A.S. le Prince de Monaco Friends of the Prince's Car Collection in Monaco through March 20.

Fittingly, given the principality's renowned annual Grand Prix, six of the exhibition's 12 exhibits will be race cars on loan from Porsche's own collection.

Racy display

This is the first special exhibition in the newly opened rooms of the museum, which is located in the principality's Port Hercule, along the Formula 1 Grand Prix course.

The exhibition was curated by museum president and former Porsche driver Thierry Boutsen, who himself has won three Grand Prix races. He also placed third, with his team, in the 1994 "24 Hours of Le Mans," a sports car race in France, and the car they used the 962 Dauer Le Mans GT is one those on display.



*The Porsche 934 and the Porsche 911 SC Safari. Image credit: Photo Credit: Mika Alesi/Palais princier*

Other featured cars are connected to other races and other drivers such as the 908/03 Spyder, which was designed for the now-defunct Targa Florio race, which took place on open road in the mountains of Sicily's capital city, Palermo.

Yet another example is the Porsche 908 "short-tail," which participated in Australia's Grand Prix in 1968. The museum's perennial collection boasts 70 cars in total.

Though Porsche was founded in 1931, it is 1948 that is arguably held as the year that the brand was truly born. That was the year, on June 8, that Porsche got road approval for its 356 "No. 1" Roadster, thus sending the manufacturer on a trajectory that still lands its marques atop lists to this day ([see story](#)).

Such a list was the 2022 *U.S. News* Best Cars annual report, which named Porsche best high-end vehicle for the eighth year in a row. The brand scored marks for its materials, comfort and interiors.

Porsche recently brought an exhibition of another kind to the U.S. "The Art of Dreams," a series of larger-than-life installations, hit U.S. shores and was joined by "Dream Big," a sensory experience installation from Scottish artist Chris Labrooy that was on display as part of Miami Art Week.

"Dream Big" was anchored by a Porsche 911 Carrera 4S ([see story](#)).

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