

## Success at the premiere in the "Green Park

Classic Days Festival of Culture & Motoring Lifestyle in the State Capital for the First Time

<u>Düsseldorf, 05 August 2022</u> By means of Classic Days, a well-known and established family-friendly event came to Düsseldorf this year on the first weekend in August. In 14 areas, the enthusiasts of the organising association Classic Days showed what voluntary work can do today and, with lovingly decorated areas, offered the "whole world of classic cars" and a truly unusual journey through time.

Satisfied, the organisers drew a positive conclusion after 2 ½ days of good summer garden picnic atmosphere on the meadow areas under trees in the P1 car park of the fair. A total of 34,978 visitors came to the Classic Days and enjoyed a bit of British flair, lots of classic car ambience and numerous old museum vehicles and racing sports cars in motion. In addition to the old bolides, legendary racing personalities such as Derek Bell (five-time 24 h of Le Mans winner), Jochen Mass as German Formula 1 great and Kurt Ahrens came. Around 4,100 classic cars came to visit, became part of the festival and formed a huge openair museum of brands and vehicle types.

The organisers were equally satisfied with the acceptance of the colourful summer days at the so-called "Green Park" by the invitation guests of the sponsors and cooperation partners.

More than 7,600 guests of these partners were enchanted by the event, invited to enjoy small snacks and good conversations on the companies' terraces, which had been neatly set up as viewing lounges under the trees of the P1.

On the circuit, a total of about 160 old racing cars and museum exhibits drove in different heats and showed the audience, in the literal sense of the word, a "moving" impression of the old days of motor sports, which fascinated young and old.

The temporarily installed circuit across the bus lane of the area was easily visible from many sides and therefore highly attractive. There was brief excitement when an Opel Ascona from the eighties tipped over between the mighty bales of straw due to a drive fault in the area of the start. This undoubtedly looked spectacular, but went off without a hitch.

More exciting in a positive sense was when the many unusual vehicle concepts, such as a propeller car from 1920 or the Mercedes Benz Avus Silberpfeil streamlined winning car from 1932, impressively did their laps on the track.

At the end of the weekend, the volunteers in the Classic Days charitable association drew a thoroughly positive conclusion at the new venue, in which the weekend's stable summer weather also played its part. The charitable purpose was also important to the people at the Classic Days: donations were collected for the Regenbogenland children's hospice in Düsseldorf, among others.

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