

WORLD CAR AWARDS

THE ROAD TO THE 2020 WORLD CAR AWARDS...

MEET THE 2020 JURORS

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The Road to the World Car Awards doesn't really stop. The 2020 edition of the World Car Awards begins today with two announcements: our list of **2020 jurors** as well as our confirmed status as the **number one awards program** across the globe for the seventh consecutive year according to Prime Research's latest *Global Automotive Awards* media monitoring report. Not only are the World Car Awards number one again, but our audience reach has grown by 16% to a record 247 million.

The Road to the World Car Awards is an annual journey that follows more than 80 of our international jurors as they test-drive, and vote on, the eligible vehicles for the awards' season.

The list of 2020 jurors along with their media outlets is copied below. More detail, including career bios, can be found on our web site: worldcarawards.com > Jurors. Four new jurors will join the 2020 panel. They are: Stefan Grundhoff (Germany - press-inform), Hani Mustafa (India – Flywheel), Vincent Nguyen (USA – Slashgear) and George Notaras (USA – Motoman TV).

In addition, the 2020 World Car Awards will be administered under the guidance of an awards management group and an advisory committee as follows:

Management Group

Beth Rhind, Co-founder and executive manager – Canada; Peter Lyon, co-chair, World Car Awards Program - Japan; Mike Rutherford, co-chair, World Car Awards Program – UK and Gerry Malloy, CEO and president – WCA association – Canada.

Advisory Committee

Jens Meiners, director – Germany; Tim Stevens, director –USA; Siddharth Vinayak Patankar, director – India; Toni Jalovaara, director – Finland and Carlos Sandoval, director – Mexico.

There will be several stops along *The Road to World Car* journey beginning with the **Frankfurt motor show (IAA)** on Tuesday, September 10th when the eligible vehicles will be announced.

Then it's off to Los Angeles for our sixth annual "**L.A. Test Drives**" event in mid-November where our jurors will have the chance to test-drive, and vote, on the eligible vehicles that may not be available in their home markets.

The **World Car Finals** countdown will begin in early February 2020 as the jurors vote for their favourites and their ballots are tabulated by the international accounting firm KPMG. First the Top 10 and Top 5 in

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each category will be announced; followed by the *Top Three in the World* finalists at the **Geneva International Motor Show** on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

The journey's grande finale will take place when the winners are officially declared in all six categories at an awards ceremony and press conference that will open the **New York International Auto Show** on April 8, 2020.

Then it is back to the **London Motor & Tech show** in May where the 2020 winners announced at the New York show will be celebrated. And a glimpse of the 2021 contenders will be offered.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kl8-zblsVmw>

**THE ROAD TO 2020 WORLD CAR:
WILL BEGIN IN FRANKFURT SEPTEMBER 10, 2019.
WILL END IN NEW YORK APRIL 8, 2020.**

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For additional information either visit our web site (www.worldcarawards.com) or please contact Beth Rhind, Co-founder and Executive Manager, E: beth@wcoty.com

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BACKGROUND

World Car Awards

Now entering their 16th year, the annual World Car Awards are the number one awards program in the world for the seventh (7th) consecutive year based on Prime Research's 2019 media monitoring report.

The awards were inaugurated in 2003, and officially launched in January 2004, to reflect the reality of the global marketplace, as well as to recognize, reward and inspire excellence, leadership and innovation in a rapidly changing automotive industry.

The awards are intended to complement, not compete, with existing national and regional Car of the Year programs.

The awards are administered by a not-for-profit association, under the guidance of an awards management group and an advisory committee as follows:

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Advisory Committee (Jens Meiners, director – Germany; Tim Stevens, director –USA; Siddharth Vinayak Patankar, director – India; Toni Jalovaara, director – Finland and Carlos Sandoval, director – Mexico).

New York International Auto Show

Owned and operated by the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association, the New York Auto Show is an awesome combination of new ideas, technological innovation, exceptional concept cars and nearly 1,000 of the latest new cars and trucks. Over one million visitors are expected to visit the show this year to see what is truly possible from the automotive industry.

Important 2020 Auto Show Dates

Press Preview: April 8 and 9 (credentials required)

Public Sneak Preview, Friday, April 10

Public Show Dates, Friday, April 10 – Sunday, April 19, 2020

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2020 WORLD CAR AWARDS JURY PANEL

Australia

Joshua Dowling (National Motoring Editor, News Limited Australia)

Paul Gover (carsguide.com.au)

Austria

Stephan Schätzl (Editor: Krone Multimedia; Contributor: Kronen Zeitung)

Brazil

Jason Vogel (Editor: *O Globo* newspaper; contributor: Extra, Espresso newspapers)

Britain

****Mike Rutherford – Co-chair, World Car Awards Program** (Chief Columnist, Auto Express. Regular contributor to BBC TV and Radio, ITV, Sky News and other outlets in the UK and overseas).

Richard Aucock (Managing Director: Motoring Research)

Nat Barnes (Motoring Editor: Daily and Sunday Express)

Richard Bremner (Autocar (UK); Daily Telegraph, Daily Express and Edmunds Inside Line; Sunday Times, What Car? Magazine)

Ginny Buckley (Broadcaster and motoring journalist: Good Housekeeping, Carbuyer, BBC, Sky News)

Steve Fowler (EIC: Auto Express)

Charlie Turner (EIC: Top Gear)

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Canada

Gabriel Gélinas (Le Guide de l'Auto, *Salut Bonjour* TVA television network)

Sami Haj-Assaad (Toronto Star, Autoguide.com)

Mark Richardson (The Globe & Mail)

China

Xia Dong (EIC: Viewworld New Media Group)

Li Geng (EIC: Orient Auto)

Lui Hongcang (EIC: Chinese Auto Pictorial)

Cui Jun (EIC: Car Owners)

Miao Jun (EIC: Car and Driver)

William Wang Kun (EIC: xcar.com)

Xionghui (Sean) Qiu (Publisher: Auto World)

Yunqing Wang (Founder and Editor-in-chief of DearAuto)

Sven Xu (Publisher: Target Magazine, Ramp China)

Liang Zhaohui (Publisher: Robb Report High End Cars, Cars)

Finland

****Toni Jalovaara - Director, Advisory Committee** (Tekniikan Maaailma, Ilta-Sanomat, Kauppalehti)

France

Lionel Robert (EIC: Automobiles - Paris-Match magazine)

Germany

Christian Brinkmann (EIC: Speed Heads)

Thomas Geiger (Welt am Sonntag, Welt, Bild-Zeitung, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Deutsche Presse Agentur, Der Spiegel online, AutoBild, Der Tagesanzeiger Zürich, www.Autonet.at)

Stefan Grundhoff (Press-inform – das Pressebüro)

Peter Schwerdtmann (Auto-Medienportal.Net)

Greece

Michael Georgiadis (EIC: Drive magazine)

India

**** Siddharth Vinayak Patankar – Director, Advisory Committee** (NDTV network)

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Dhruv Behl (Founder & Managing Editor: AutoX)

Renuka Kirpalani (Haymarketsac India - Editor Video; Editor Autocarshow Times network
Auto contributor – Sindhian)

Hani Musthafa (EIC – Flywheel)

Yogendra Pratap (EIC: Auto Today. Founding member - Indian Car of the Year (ICOTY), Robb Report India, Mail Today, Travel Plus, BT More, SPICE, Indiatoday.in)

Hormazd Sorabjee (Autocar India)

International

Greg Kable (Germany-based contributor to AutoCar UK, CAR UK, Top Gear, MSN Autos, Diesel Car, Evo, What MPV)

Yoshihiro Kimura (Germany-based contributor to Auto Motor und Sport, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung newspaper, Japan's Motor Magazine, Car Top, Car Graphic)

****Jens Meiners – Director, Advisory Committee** (Based in Germany and the USA, Meiners contributes to Car and Driver, Welt, Automobile Industrie, Spotpress and various other outlets).

Michael Taylor (Italy-based contributor to: Carsales.com.au, motoring.com.au, Motor magazine (Australia), AutoBlog.com, Car and Driver (US), Engine magazine (Japan), autoExpress (UK), The Irish Times, Business Day (South Africa), Autologia (Mexico, Chile), Car and Driver (China), Engine Technology International, Forbes (USA))

Ireland

Eddie Cunningham (Motoring editor: Irish Independent)

Italy

Claire Bel (EIC : La Stampa newspaper)

Luca Ciferri (Associate Publisher & Editor, Automotive News Europe)

Alessandro Lago (EIC: OmniAuto.it | Motor1.com Italia)

Japan

****Peter Lyon – Co-chair, World Car Awards Program**(Car & Driver, Forbes, Forbes Japan, Auto Express, Quattroruote, GQ Japan, Samurai Wheels TV)

Shinichi Katsura (Car Graphic, Auto Sport, Tipo, Genroq, Engine, Car Top etc)

Yasuhiko Kawamura (MotorMagazine, CarWatch, MotorFan, webCG, Driver, Autoc One, OPENERS)

Hideshi Matsuda (Best Car, Holiday Auto, Motor Magazine, Navi, J's Tipo, Car Sensor, Xacar, Genroq, Response, Car Graphic)

Goro Okazaki (Weekly TV Show – Goro Okazaki's Car Talk, Car & Driver – Japan, CarView, Goods Press, Car Graphic – Japan)

Koji Ozawa (Best Car, Engine, Lapita, CarGraphic, Smart, Begin, Takarajima, Form, nikkeibp.jp)

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Kumi Sato (CarTop, Motor Magazine, CarView, Holiday Auto, Engine, The Motor Weekly FM radio)

Motohiro Yamazaki (Autocar Japan, GQ Japan, Car Magazine, Response and GENROQ)

Jordan

Mohammad Zaro (EIC: *Sayyarat* Alghad magazine/Automotors.me)

Korea

Charley Chae (EIC: Global Auto News)

JooSik Choi (EIC : AutoCar Korea)

Mexico

****Carlos Sandoval - Director, Advisory Committee** (Sandowalsky digital platform)

Manuel Ferdandez (On-line editor: Automovil Panamericano)

Poland

Maciej Pertynski (Pertyn.com)

Portugal

Guilherme Costa (EIC: Razao Automovel)

Russia

Dmitry Barinov (Autopanorama magazine)

Vladimir Soloviev (Za Rulem magazine)

Vitaly Tishchenko (EIC: Top Gear Russia)

Slovenia

Milos Milac (Finance Business Daily)

South Africa

Hannes Oosthuizen (Cars.co.za)

Charleen Clare (EIC: Focus magainze, contributor: Dekat, cyberstoep.co.za, Sheq Management)

Spain

Fernando Gómez Blanco (Director: Centímetros Cubicos TV)

Manuel Gómez Blanco (El País newspaper)

UAE (United Arab Emirates)

Suhaib Shashaa (Arab GT)

USA

**** Tim Stevens – Director**, World Car Awards Steering Committee (EIC: Roadshow - CNET)

Eric Adams (Wired, Gear Patrol)

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Matt Askari (Luxury Magazine, Autoblog, Cool Hunting)

Roberto Baldwin (Senior Editor: Engadget)

Abigail Bassett (Forbes, Fast Company, Inc.com, KBB, Autoweek, AutoGravity, Motor Trend and others)

Steven Ewing (Managing editor: Roadshow - CNET)

Jonathan Gitlin (Automotive editor: Ars Technica)

Richard Homan (Kelley Blue Book)

Joe Lorio (Hagerty magazine and Autoblog.com)

John McCormick (Detroit News, Automotive Industries)

Vincent Nguyen (Slashgear)

George Notaras (Motoman TV)

Scotty Reiss (AGirlsGuidetoCars.com, Good Housekeeping, Cosmopolitan, AutoTrader)

Jason Stein (Vice President Publisher, Automotive News Publisher, Automotive News Canada, Europe & China)

Jaclyn Trop (Forbes, Fortune and Fast Company)

Tamara Warren (Fortune, Elle, Wine & Spirits, and the Cheddar network, among others)
