



Den Hartogh - largest private classic Ford collection up for auction + VIDEO

Hillegom, the Netherlands, june 22nd 2018 - It's not every day that a classic Ford goes up for auction. Well, try more than 220, ranging from Model A's and T's to wood-panelled station wagons and vintage buses.

This breathtaking array of vehicles – recognised as the largest private collection of classic Fords in the world – formed the Den Hartogh Museum, a 50-year labour of love for Piet den Hartogh, in the Netherlands.

Piet's love affair with Ford began after his father bought a Model T truck in 1924 and later, as an adult, he bought cars, buses and vans from all over the world – including a popcorn van, a police snowmobile and a truck that was fuelled by wood.

Sadly, Piet passed away in 2010, and the museum closed its doors to the public two years ago. Now the family are putting the whole collection under the hammer, in the belief that these treasured vehicles should find new homes where they can be as cherished as they have been at the museum near Amsterdam.

“Without Dad, it's just not the same,” said Pieter den Hartogh, Piet's son. “My father was a passionate man and he wanted to share this obsession with everyone. All of the cars were a big part of our lives,”

The complete collection will be auctioned by [Bonhams](#) on site in Hillegom on 23 June.

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