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getting up close and personal, in an interview with...

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Q What five words best describe you?

A Fastidious, committed, colourful, punctual and assimilative.

Q If you weren't a specialist - what would you like to be?

A From a very early age I was destined to be doing what I am now, however I fought this very hard throughout my early years with attempts at rock stardom and racing driver glory.

Q Favourite piece you have valued and why?

A I am extraordinarily lucky in that I see some of the most amazing things on a daily basis – and some of my favourite things are relating to the story that goes with them, unfortunately I can't discuss them all!

Q What's your most memorable moment at DDV?

A My most memorable moments are undoubtedly working with my amazing colleagues, their knowledge is not only the best in the industry, but they are ready to impart that information for me to absorb as much as I can.

Q What was your most awkward moment valuing a piece and why?

A This is an easy one – a client has a good selection of oriental carpets that unfortunately were located in a loft space above a garage – this entailed two ladders and a 10 metre crawl – not good in a pair of pink trousers!!

Q What is your most favourite thing to do outside work?

A My work is my life and my passion, however I enjoy motor racing, and a good meal out!

Q What would a stranger find most annoying about you?

A I am totally unrelenting, and quite loud.

Q Who's collection would you like to value and why?

A The best collections are the unexpected ones – I have been lucky enough to have valued personal museums, national treasures, and I still get a bigger thrill from finding something that the client wasn't aware of.

Q What 3 people alive or dead would you like to invite to dinner?

A David Niven, Keith Moon and Anthony Bourdain.

Q Are you doing anything fun this summer of '21?

A Of course, we are busier than ever.

Q Do you have another talent?

A I can amass shoes and sunglasses at a staggering rate.

Q Where in the world would you most like to visit?

A I have been lucky enough to travel a reasonable amount throughout the world, however India is a country one can visit for a lifetime and still find more remarkable things at each visit.

Q Favourite film?

A The Darjeeling Limited – just for the luggage.

Q Favourite piece of music?

A Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness – The Smashing Pumpkins.