



RML AD

Le Mans 24 Hours 2011

Ben Collins **The Man in the White Suit**

Ben Collins, the former *Stig* from BBC's *Top Gear* programme, will be racing in this year's Le Mans 24 Hours with RML AD Group. He co-drives the team's HPD ARX01d LMP2 sports prototype (#36) with Mike Newton and Thomas Erdos.

Ben's autobiography, *The Man in the White Suit*, was first published in September last year following a controversial court battle with the BBC and fast became a *Sunday Times* bestseller.

Now released in paperback, the book will be on sale in the official ACO Boutique in the Museum at the circuit of the *Vingt Quatre Heures du Mans*.

Ben will be signing copies of the book during the official Drivers Autograph Session on Tuesday 7th June, starting at 5:00pm. He will also be at the ACO Boutique in the Museum on Friday 8th June between 14:30 pm and 15:30 pm.

The Man in the White Suit is published in paperback by HarperCollins, priced 10 euros.

Ben Collins was born in Bristol before moving to California, where he competed as a junior Olympic standard swimmer. When a career as a fighter pilot was cut short by a visit to the optician, Ben switched to cars. He won races in every category from Formula Three to Le Mans sportscars and GT, and took the European ASCAR title in 2003. When a lack of funding curtailed his racing career, Ben joined the British Army Reserves. He has also worked as a Hollywood stunt driver, including appearances as a stunt double for *James Bond*, Daniel Craig.

In 2003 Ben became the fourth presenter, known as *The Stig*, on BBC TV's *Top Gear*, coaching celebrities, organising car chases and testing hundreds of priceless cars. Eight years and 13 series on, his former alter ego is recognised by millions around the world. Ben lives in the West country with his wife Georgie and 3 children.

Ben joined the RML AD Group driver line-up mid-way through the 2010 season, sharing the team's class win in the Algarve on his first outing.

Further information and details of Ben's career portfolio can be viewed on the RML AD Group team website.

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