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BIG 3 AUTO MAKERS **SEND DESIGNERS TO** **JACKSONVILLE**

Three of the hottest young car designers are coming to Jacksonville.

Chrysler, Ford, and General Motors are sending their top talent to the “Young Designers Seminar” held Friday, March 11 from 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton as part of the annual Amelia Island Concours.

The 90-minute presentation, hosted by former *Car & Driver* and *Road & Track* publisher William Jeanes, includes presentations by:

DAIMLERCHRYSLER

RALPH GILLES, Director, Ext/Int Product Design & Specialty Vehicles

Served as the primary interior designer for the Dodge Viper GTS/R, Dodge ESX2 and Jeep® Jeepster concept vehicles and the production versions of the 2002 Jeep Liberty and 2003 Dodge Viper.

GILLES’ PRESENTATION will focus on the highly successful Chrysler 300C which was recently voted *Motor Trend* magazine’s Car of the Year.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

PAT SCHIAVONE, Design Director of Cars

He joined Ford in 1988 and was the principal designer of the 1994 Mustang and led the design of the Mighty F-350 TONKA and F-150

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Lightning Rod concept vehicles. Earlier this month, he was promoted from the position of Design Director for Pickup Trucks and SUVs, where his portfolio included the Explorer, Mountaineer, Expedition, Lincoln Navigator, and the King Ranch and Harley Davidson versions of the F-150 pick-up.

SCHIAVONE'S PRESENTATION will focus on the design, budgeting, and introduction of the 2005 MUSTANG

GENERAL MOTORS

TIM KOZUB, Lead Exterior Designer Small/Mid-Sized Vehicles

This 30-year-old has spent his entire career at GM. In seven years, he has worked with Buick, Saturn and the Solstice, and is currently working on advanced production programs as part of the Small and Mid-Sized vehicle team.

KOZUB'S PRESENTATION will center on the soon to be released Pontiac Solstice.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in advance at www.ameliaconcours.org.

Parking will be across the street from The Ritz.