

Marcello Gandini

We know a fair amount about the talents of Triumph designers Michellotti, Karmann and Harris Mann.

Let's have a brief look at another designer in this issue and perhaps more in the months to come.

Let's face it the Italians are at the forefront of beautiful designs; think of the masterful pen stroke of our very own Gino Cassieri.

Marcello Gandini (b. 1938) is a Turin based freelance designer who worked for Nuccio Bertone, preferring however, to work freelance even to this day.

Initial designs are sketched at his desk, drawing boards used for larger details; paper rather than computers.

It is said that there is a bitter rivalry between him and fellow designer, Giugiaro.

As to be expected, Gandini's interests reach far beyond car design and for want of a better career name, industrial designer seems more apt.

He does not have a collection of exotic cars in his stable, rather owning and driving a modern mundane saloon. He declined an offer of the last Countach ever made.

Here are just some of his designs. I wonder if anyone can match this?

Lamborghini Miura and Countach, Fiat X1/9, Lancia Stratos, Alfa Montreal, original BMW 5 Series, Renault 5 Mk 2, Bugatti EB110, Citroen BX, Ferrari Dino.



Alfa Montreal



Ferrari 308 Dino



Fiat X1/9



Lamborghini Countach



Lamborghini Miura



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