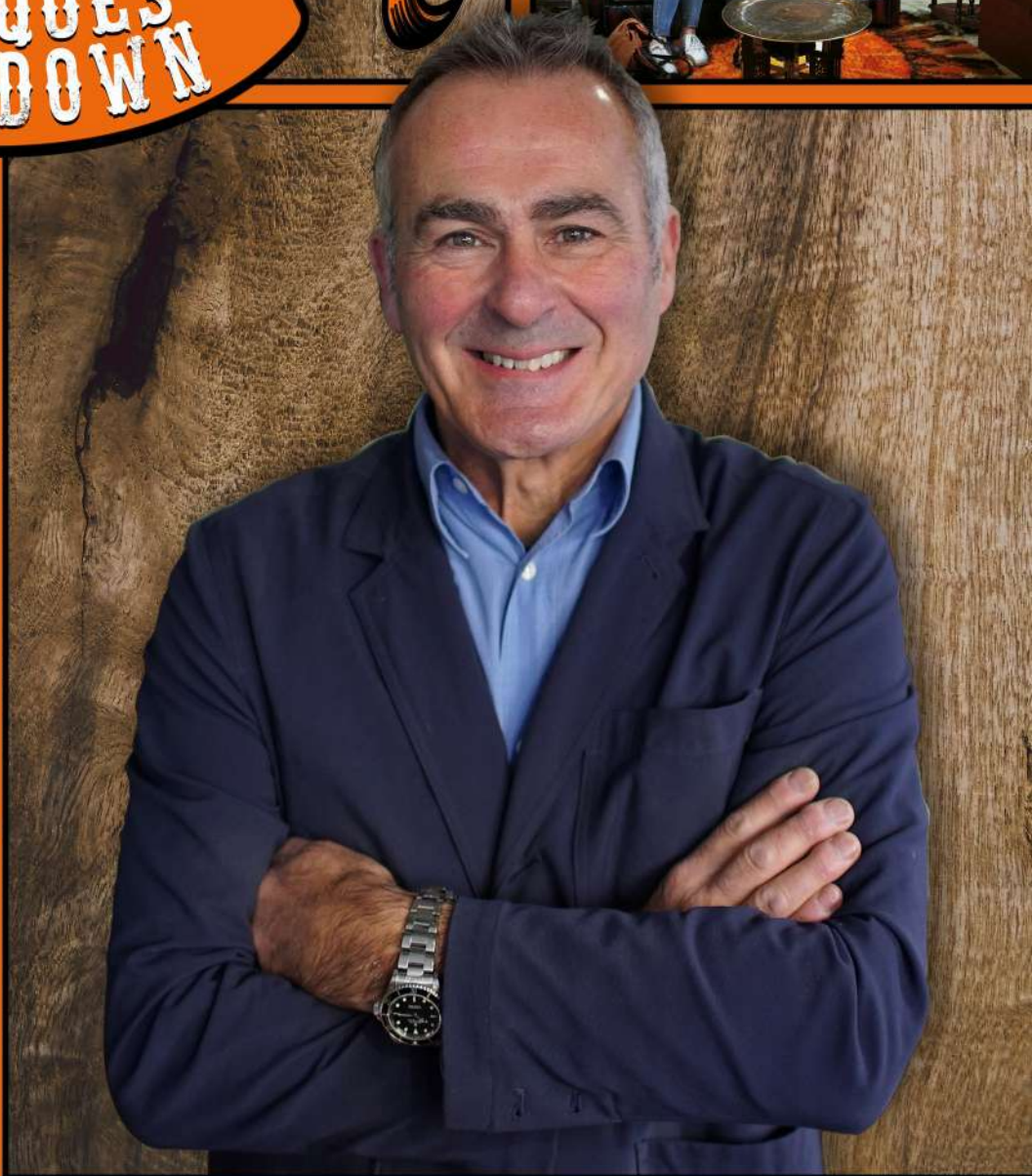




Paul Martin's
**ANTIQUES
SHOWDOWN**



Collector, dealer and auctioneer Paul Martin travels across the country to pit his auctioneering skills against his biggest rivals, in the ultimate battle of the gavels.



Each week, Paul Martin travels the length and breadth of the country to take on a rival auctioneer. Over the course of three full-filled and, at times, dastardly challenges, they must buy, sell and swap premium antiques and collectables. But who has the skills, the wits and the know-how to make the most at the rostrum?

In each episode Paul and his 'arch nemesis' embark on round one - *Accept or Reject*. From our very own valuation hubs around the country (The Museum of Liverpool, the Imperial War Museum in Duxford and the historic Alnwick Garden) they'll meet members of the public with their beloved antiques. Do our competitive auctioneers have what it takes to persuade the public to part with their prized possessions, so they can put them under the gavel, in the end of the show auction?

In Round 2, *Flip for Profit*, our experts go shopping with £200 each to spend in a local antiques shop. They have just thirty minutes to find hidden treasure that will sell for more on the rostrum. They must buy wisely, as any losses will be deducted from their overall total.

Then, it's straight on to Round 3 - *Jackpot Duel*, where our rivals come face to face with mystery items. After a quick appraisal they must choose the most expensive to take to auction. Pick carefully, this could be a deal breaker.

For the final twist in our conniving format, and just before they take to the rostrums, our experts are given the chance to steal one of each other's items. Do they have the clout to pick a high value item or will they play it safe for a steady win?

Throughout the show, they'll test their antique knowledge and deal making skills, as well as their prowess on the rostrum as they grab the gavel and sell what they've got. Whoever makes the most cash will win the day - including bragging rights - as they head into the next day of the competition. Stripped across the week, the best out of five wins the week and the title of Antiques Showdown Champ.

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