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GAVIN GARDINER LTD AUCTION OF MODERN & VINTAGE SPORTING GUNS & RIFLES,

**SOTHEBY'S, NEW BOND STREET,
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018



Gavin Gardiner's December sale – just in time for the Boxing day Shoot - will include a good selection of fine English and European sporting guns.

Among the notable items is a Fine 20-Bore "Supreme Deluxe" model self-opening sidelock ejector gun by A. A. Brown & Sons. Engraved with Celtic strap work around highly detailed scenes of game birds in flight, the maker confirms that the gun was ordered in July 1994. It was engraved by W. Marshall, an engraver based in Scotland and it was completed in July 1996. The gun appears relatively little used. It is estimated at £8,000-£12,000.

Also included is a magnificent 12-bore over and under gun by Boss & Co. Built in 1995 and remaining virtually unused, the gun carries an estimate of £55,000-£65,000.

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Elsewhere, a composed pair of 12-bore backlock ejector guns by J. Blanch & Son is estimated at £2,500-£3,500.

The sale will include a private collection of over fifty heritage handguns. There are many rare and unusual pieces in the group including a scarce Webley & Scott 9mm 1909 model self loading pistol. Produced for a very short period, little over 1600 examples are known to have been built before production ceased in 1914, and few remain today. It carries an estimate of between £800 -1,200.

A scarce Colt .38 model 1900 self loading is another important piece, being the first self-loading pistol designed for Colt by legendary firearms designer John M Browning. This early example remains in good condition, and the model was only in production for just over two years so examples are scarce today. It also carries an estimate of £800-1,200.

A rare Colt .455 New Service Target model is also included in the collection, being produced only for the English market and being a favoured model with Bisley marksmen prior to WWI. This example has metford rifling in the barrel and carries an estimate of £500-800.

Overall, the auction of more than 200 lots of vintage sporting guns, rifles and shooting accessories, is the only sale of Sporting Guns to be held in the heart of London's Mayfair and will have a strong section of 12-bore Sporting Guns by England and Scotland's finest makers.

The sale will include a strong section of accessories and more curious items – which could make wonderful Christmas gifts.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Gavin Gardiner is the only specialist firearms auctioneer holding his auctions in the heart of London's West End, where he holds two sales each year as well as his prestigious sale at the Gleneagles Hotel, Scotland in August. Gavin has over 20 years experience in this field. Coming from a traditional background, he was brought up with guns and shooting and has been involved with the Gun Trade from an early age. He first worked for Sotheby's in 1982 helping with weekend viewing of a Sporting Gun auction, while still at School. From that moment he was hooked and has been involved in almost every Sotheby's Sporting Gun auction since. His passion became a full time job in 1987 when he joined Sotheby's initially as a porter on a one day a week assignment to the Gun Department, this soon became five days and he never looked back. He has been involved with many memorable auctions over the years, including Sotheby's sales in New York and Geneva as well as the renowned Gleneagles auction that has remained the market leader in this sector for over twenty years. He has also worked for one of the leading London Gunmakers which gives him a unique perspective in this field. Returning to Head Sotheby's Sporting Gun Department Worldwide in 2001 he doubled turnover in his first year, and has continued to develop and refine the auctions since. He left Sotheby's at the beginning of 2006 to establish his own company.

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