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### **GUNS MADE FOR THE MAHARAJA OF JODHPUR TO GIVE AS A PRESENT TO THE MAHARAJA OF JAIPUR TO BE INCLUDED IN GAVIN GARDINER LTD'S DECEMBER AUCTION**



A pair of guns made for the Maharaja of Jodhpur to give as a present to the Maharaja of Jaipur will be included in Gavin Gardiner Ltd's Live/Online Auction of Modern & Vintage Sporting Guns, which will be held via [www.gavingardiner.com](http://www.gavingardiner.com) on **Wednesday, December 9, 2020** at **2pm**.

Dating from 1933, the pair of "twelve-twenty" model lightweight self-opening ejector guns by Charles Lancaster is expected to fetch £10,000-15,000.

As Gavin Gardiner explains: "The twelve-twenty was a model by Lancaster that was especially fashionable at this time, being a full size 12-bore gun, built using a very slim and lightweight action to give the lighter weight and faster handling qualities of a smaller 20-bore gun, whence the name "Twelve-Twenty"."

Elsewhere in the sale, highlights include a fine pair of 12-bore "Royal" model self-opening sidelock ejector guns by London maker Holland & Holland. The guns were built in 1970 and remain in excellent and little used condition, retaining much of their original finish. They are estimated at £25,000 - 35,000.

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A fine 12-bore sidelock ejector over and under gun by London maker Boss & Co. The gun was built in 1927 and retains much of its original finish and hardening colour. Examples of the classic Boss over and under are difficult to find and a sought after by shots and collectors alike. It is estimated at £30,000 - 40,000

The sale will include over 200 lots of sporting guns, rifles and shooting accessories,

Viewing for this auction will take place strictly by appointment only. Viewing will be limited to one-hour time slots, and to one person at a time. Social distancing rules will apply: a facemask is required for entry to view. The auction will be a live auction, behind closed doors, and condition reports and remote bidding options will be available. Absentee bids will continue to be provided free of charge and online bidding with [invaluable.com](https://www.invaluable.com) is also available.

For Further information on the auction, please visit [www.gavingardiner.com](http://www.gavingardiner.com) or call 0044 (0)1798 875300 or follow on Twitter [@gavingardiner](https://twitter.com/gavingardiner)

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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 35 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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