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PAIR OF GUNS ENGRAVED WITH SCENES OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S CORONATION TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE IN DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR



It seems highly appropriate that a rare pair of 12-bore Supreme De Luxe model self-opening sidelock ejector guns, built to commemorate the Queens Silver Jubilee of 1977 by AA Brown & Sons of Birmingham should be among the highlights of Gavin Gardiner's annual auction of Fine Modern and Vintage Sporting Guns, which will be held in association with Sotheby's. The sale, now in its 45th year, will take place on the evening of **Monday, August 20, 2012** at the prestigious Gleneagles Hotel in Auchterarder, Perthshire, Scotland.

The guns are profusely engraved by well-known British engraver Geoffrey Casbard with scenes from the

Queen's Coronation of 1953, the Royal Palaces and scenes from the Queen's life until the 1977 Jubilee. The engraving is further embellished with flags and royal motifs, portcullis decoration and the Tudor Rose emblem. The guns took over four years to build and remain in a virtually new and unused condition. They are estimated to fetch £35,000-45,000.

Highlights from the sale will be on view at the CLA Game Fair, which this year will be held at Belvoir Castle, Leicestershire between **Friday**, **July 20** and **Sunday**, **July 22**, and then at Sotheby's New Bond Street, London on **Monday and Tuesday**, **August 13** and **14**, **2012**.



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Gavin Gardiner said "I am delighted to be returning to Scotland for my annual sale at The Gleneagles Hotel. This world renowned and historic auction is held eight days into the grouse-shooting season and is a sporting highlight for shooting enthusiasts and collectors from all over the world. I am extremely pleased to say that more World Record Prices for Sporting Firearms have been achieved at this venue than at any other and the quality of the guns offered always reflects the stunning location in which the auction is held."

For Further information on the auction and forthcoming valuation days, please visit www.gavingardiner.com or call 0044 (0)1798 875300.

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