



#### CRAFTSMANSHIP TO PERFECTION

### **JOHANN FANZOJ's unbelievable "Four-Barrelled Rifle-Shotgun" (VIERLING)**

An astonishing technical tour-de-force, from the conception, design & crafting of this MASTERPIECE over a six year span," smiles creative director Daniela Fanzoj representing Johann Fanzoj gunmakers, still in disbelief of this monumental undertaking, "something that I will see happen only once in my lifetime in our workshop".

The basis for the design and construction of this extraordinary four-barrel firearm was that of a client's specific request and fantasy of paring a side-by-side double rifle (cal. 9,3/9,3X74R) with an Over-and-Under shotgun (Gauge 20/20/76mm) to be transformed into one single firearm.

The customer required that the Vierling fire four times in succession, with "hot" barrels; The platform should be a robust, reliable mechanism that would guarantee inherent quick handling characteristics - then quickly reload and continue in the same sequence, which in other words demands that the sporting weapon have ejectors for all four barrels!

"At this point it was definitely time to hold up the STOP sign – and run," recalls Daniela Fanzoj, which the firm did not do, but rather "we took the bull by its horns, dug into this challenge and built this incredible weapon". The result is a stunning and unsurpassed intricate mechanism, also being an object of culture and value, which exhibits an amazing level of performance.

Four barrels, H&H style sidelocks, 4 individual automatic ejectors, did little to lessen this impressive sporting arm's responsiveness and wonderful balance. Massive, without a doubt, but not "heavy" at all with a weight of 3,8kg this sporting weapon handles magnificently.

It was an enormous task to design and build, as well as join and regulate the barrels twp-times-two in order that they would shoot together at the same point of impact, in sequence - first the 9,3mm barrels then the shotgun barrels simply by pushing the barrel selector forward, the shooter continues his regiment with the 20-gauge barrels. Automatic ejectors for the shotgun barrels facilitate quick reloading for additional four shots.

Which it does without hesitation; what a pleasure of a very specific, unique nature to fire in quick succession a quadruple series in sequence from this amazing, functional piece of High Art."

## Gunmaking “Grande Complications”

The ability to building multi-barrelled sporting arms

*Virtually anything is possible*

At Fanzoj we are one of the world’s few gunmaking firms that still build individually designed (multi-barrelled) weapons at the highest levels of craftsmanship, honouring an old and hallowed tradition in Middle-European gunmaking.

Single unique items, that impressively combine Old World craftsmanship skills with modern technical engineering.

The complexity of building such multi-barrel mechanisms, and the time needed, makes them almost ‘priceless’; yet, by the same token the “old knowledge” has been transmitted to us by the Master Gun Makers from the past, to be preserved and treasured as part of our heritage, we pass our knowledge on and set the course to inspire also coming generations with this old craft, as part of a never-ending cultural flow.

**CURRENT, ACTUAL PICTURES OF THIS Four-barrelled RIFLE WILL FOLLOW ON THE WEEKEND of March 2nd/3<sup>rd</sup> 2018**

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**JOHANN FANZOJ**

**“VIERLING” - Sidelock Four-barrelled hunting rifle**

**cal. 9,3x74R/9,3x74R – 20/20/76**

**a unique, technical masterpiece**

**each part individually designed & crafted from the full material**

**for 4 - 8 aimed shots in rapid succession – from warm barrels!**

#### TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Barrel alignment:

20/20/76 – vertical

9,3x74R/ 9,3x74R – horizontal

shooting sequence:

1. right/ left barrel in cal. 9,3x74R (zeroed in at 150yards over rifle scope)
2. lower/ upper barrel in cal. 20/76 (zeroed in with “Slug” on 35m over rifle scope)
3. On demand all cartridges can be ejected – quick reloading – and then fire another two shots

Mechanism: H&H style sidelocks, **with automatic, individual ejectors for all four barrels**; double underlug lugs; with Doll’s head lock

**FOR MAXIMUM SAFETY & RELIABILITY WHEN HUNTING DANGEROUS GAME**

Trigger system:

double triggers; push-forward switch on stock comb to switch from rifle to shotgun barrels . “push forward position”: shotgun / back position: rifle

**INHERENT AND QUICK**

Safety: extra safety switch next to the opening lever with comfortable relief surface,

**FOR CONVENIENT HANDLING**

Barrels: made of high quality, high tensile gun steel,  
barrel length 58,5cm (23inches), Chokes 3/4 (lower), 3/4 (upper),  
with detachable sling swivels

Open sights: regulated and tested also to open sights : on 35m with first the right 9,3x74R barrel,  
then the bottom 20/76 barrel

Stock: custom-made of exhibition grade Circassian walnut burl, beautiful expressive grain;  
right-handed stock with 0 cast on/cast off (customer was left-handed); slim, short  
stock forend, pistol grip cap with trap, red Old-English recoil pad

engraving: a magnificent, deep-relief ornament engraving, with animals woven into the  
ornament lines

weight: 5,2kg – with perfect balance !

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