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# The Art of THE GUN

Johann Fanzoj's most recent project, THE LEOPARD, is a splendid demonstration of craftsmanship skill and artistic talent, expressed on three different weapons: a rifle, a pistol and a fine custom knife.

## "THE LEOPARD" is unique, a true original.

The company's most recent project took Fanzoj over three years and several thousand hours of skilled craftsmanship to bring these exceptional products to life, using a wealth of talent and craftsmanship of a very high level - world-leading artisans, Fanzoj gunsmiths and stockmaker, saddler, tool and case maker, and the creative crew, engraver, goldsmith and wildlife artist.

The combined creativity and energy in this object are truly tangible. Each weapon is covered with a strikingly realistic depiction of the leopard's skin texture, engraved by Austrian master engraver Richard Meier, one of the greatest metal artists of our time. A deep-chiseled engraving work of the finest detail, giving depth and at the same

time creating a three-dimensional effect. Inlays of fossilized mammoth tooth with spectacular s c r i m s h a w s\*\* (=engraving on mammoth material) seem to almost come alive, as if ready to jump at the observer.

Made of exquisite materials: Circasian Walnut root wood, fossilized mammoth tooth, best-quality steel, 24k Gold. Rifle, pistol and knife are embedded in matching exhibition leather oak cases, along with finest handcrafted accessories of fossilized mammoth material, 24k gold-plated, with a leopard portrait on each case lid.

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The Leopard Set consists of a Fanzoj luxury bolt action rifle, cal. 300WM, a SIG P226, cal. 9mm, and a fine custom knife by Trompeter&Ritchi. Exquisitely cased with finest handmade accessories

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Artistically designed hunting weapons as an expression of people's material or spiritual lives have existed since the early beginning of mankind and inhabit a unique place in the fascinating world of rare collectibles

A fabulous "Scrimshaw" on the rifle 's forend tip. The raw material comes from thousandsof-years old fossilized mammoth tusks. Carvings on animal bone are among the oldest works of art known to mankind. Art as a Cult - closely linked to hunting