



## SPORTING ART



'Tiger' oil on canvas, 85cm x 186cm - Paul considers figurative work to be the pinnacle of artistic investigation

in this collection. 'Mr. Lacy's Fly Rods' was commissioned by the mother of one of Brown's angling friends, and the detail that it contains is an artistic triumph. Admiring the piece as it hangs in its splendour in the gallery, it is not until the creator himself indicates the detail that the magnificence of this piece reveals itself. The flies are those which the angler has enjoyed the most success with and the reels are his own, while the cigar that smoulders in the corner is

indicative of the relaxation of the fisherman as he rests after a day's sport.

Compositional works provide ample opportunity to create pieces of work that are both beautiful and individual. "If someone likes one of my works on display then I can create something similar for them, say with their own decanter or favourite vintage of wine," he explains. Commission requests can manifest themselves in many different ways,

for example Paul produced three paintings for a father of three. The father had purchased a vintage bottle of wine from the year of each of his children's birth and asked that these bottles were recreated in the piece but also that the finished artwork reflect the character of the children, each piece capturing different elements of the children's temperament using their favourite cheese, reflecting the tone of their skin in the background, even the layout to mirror a character trait. The middle child, a daughter was clean and tidy and so the composition reflected this.

The success of the MMX display has brought about many more opportunities for the artist to produce more exquisite commissions, plans are already afoot for another exhibition in 2011. The latest collection is testament to the artistic discipline and integrity that epitomizes this painter, reinforcing his position as a leading contemporary artist. And, while it is the masters of the past who have provided the grounding for this, it's fair to say that in this collection there is all the style of a master of the modern day.

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Mr. Lacy's Fly Rods,  
oil on canvas  
84cm x 122cm

