

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE THEATRE MANCHESTER

LOCATION: The Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester City Centre

PROJECT: Ornamental Plaster Repairs, Decoration Works & Paint Analysis

PROJECT LENGTH: Phase I & II 12 Months

INFORMATION: Designed by Thomas Harrison in 1809, The Royal Exchange Theatre occupies a prominent position in St Ann's Square and is one of Manchester's most imposing buildings. The Royal Exchange was the epicentre of the cotton trade during the Industrial Revolution and in 1973 the Royal Exchange Theatre company acquired the building. It still remains one of Manchester's premier theatres.

Following water ingress via a failed valley gutter, sections of the ornate plaster cornice and its many enrichments were water damaged. Our services were needed in order to provide a comprehensive report and quotation for urgent repairs. Structural Engineers, Thomason's, along with The Royal Exchange Theatre Management Team awarded Restoration Projects with this prestigious contract.

Works included :

- The programming of works for our specialist contractors to complete the first phase within the client's demanding schedule - ensuring minimum disruption to ongoing theatre productions
- Pre-Construction Health & Safety Plan
- A complicated internal high level access scaffold
- Formation of Plaster Moulds for new sections and details
- A detailed Construction and Health & Safety plan
- Ceiling / Plaster inspection and report
- Paint colour matching and resin flake analysis
- Repairs to soffits, cornices and corbels
- Decoration

