



By appointment to
Her Majesty The Queen
Building Façade Restoration
and Conservation



Royal Opera House

The Royal Opera House is the third theatre on the Covent Garden site. Its history began in 1728 but disaster struck several times and in 1856 the theatre was completely destroyed by fire. Although rebuilding was felt to be imperative, financial considerations delayed matters and the building was finally reopened in 1858.

The Royal Opera House, as you see it today, opened on 4 December 1999. PAYE Stonework were appointed to repair and decorate the external facades and conserve the treasured Coade stone friezes which were salvaged from the fire in 1856. As part of these works paint samples were taken for analysis and we discovered that the building had been decorated more than 20 times using various types of paint.

The stucco underneath was found to be in a poor condition with embedded hoop iron causing the brickwork to fracture. Using a render similar in characteristics to the original Roman cement render the stucco and brick substate were repaired to create a seamless façade for redecoration.

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