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BATTERSEA ARTS CENTRE

Lavender Hill | Haworth Tompkins | Completion 2016/17

Battersea Arts Centre suffered a fire in March 2015, which destroyed much of the recently restored Grand Hall. The decision was taken not to restore the Grand Hall once again, but to conserve what remains, in its fire damaged state.

The remaining decorative surfaces within the Grand Hall and corridors, ranged from charred and peeling paint, to exposed set, float and scratch coats of lime plaster, to bare brick.

Campbell Smith & Co Ltd were employed to undertake a series of trials and condition surveys. Using this information our consultancy team developed the conservation treatment methodology and schedule of works.

The Campbell Smith team undertook the 'as found' conservation and cleaning to the surfaces within the Grand Hall and corridors, and the stabilizing and consolidating of both the plaster and paint finishes. In early 2018 the team completed the conservation of the decorative plaster frieze.