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DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

recorded at

**Shaftesbury Theatre
210 Shaftesbury Avenue
London
WC2H 8DP**

on behalf of

**The Theatre of Comedy Company
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Elevation Refurbishment

History

The Shaftesbury Theatre is located on Shaftesbury Ave in London, England. Designed by Bertie Crewe, it opened on December 26, 1911, as the Princes Theatre. In 1963, EMI bought the theatre and changed its name to the Shaftesbury Theatre. Part of the ceiling fell in on July 20, 1973, closing the production of the musical Hair. The theatre almost fell victim to redevelopment, but a campaign by Equity succeeded in having the theatre placed on the Statutory List of Buildings of Special architectural or Historic Interest.

The theatre reopened with West Side Story a year later.

Its current capacity is around 1,400.

Proposal

To refurbish the external elevations to High Holborn and Broomsbury Street. The proposed works include the repositioning of existing non-original services, this is to return the facades to as near original condition as possible. It is also proposed to replace the existing windows to the two elevations and the main entrance doors.

Design Access Statement

The purpose of the report is solely to assess the effect that the elevation works will have on the Venue.

While the works are being undertaken a temporary scaffold structure will be used to safely access all the area of the works. This scaffold will be constructed in such a way as to not impede the existing entry/egress ways in any form. The existing provisions for disabled access will in no way be compromised or altered.

Materials, Detailed Design

The proposed elevation works allow for a non-aggressive clean (all materials employed to be first approved by the Local Authority) and repointing to match existing. The existing windows shall also be replaced with new to match in every detail. The existing stained glass is to be re-used/replaced and is to be protected with a clear glass sandwich construction to offer protection.

All old fixing holes, previous repairs, cracked or missing stonework, etc. is to be sympathetically repaired by specialist contractors (all materials employed to be first approved by the Local Authority) to bring the facades to as near original condition as possible.

Appendix

Drawings included:

- 1) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/001 – Existing Elevation, High Holborn
- 2) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/002 – Existing Elevation, Bloomsbury Street
- 3) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/003 – Existing Elevation, Grape Street
- 4) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/031 A – Proposed Elevation, High Holborn
- 5) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/032 A – Proposed Elevation, Bloomsbury Street
- 6) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/033 A – Proposed Elevation, Grape Street
MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/041 A – Proposed Temporary Elevation, High Holborn
- 7) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/042 A – Proposed Temporary Elevation, Bloomsbury Street
- 8) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/043 A – Proposed Temporary Elevation, Grape Street
- 9) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/101 A – Site Location Plan