

HERITAGE PLASTERING

Artisan Plastercraft

**GOLD
WINNER**



CONTRACT
**Royal Academy of Arts,
London**

ARCHITECTS
**Julian Harrap Architects
and David Chipperfield
Architects**

Artisan was commissioned to replicate existing plasterwork, repair areas in multiple rooms and dismantle the historic ceiling in the British Academicians' Room.

The firm took down this ceiling in sections and then reassembled it in the newly constructed wing where the British Academicians' Room has been replicated. Some 150 ceiling pieces had to be stored in a secure unit, and Artisan produced bespoke moulds to recreate missing or damaged sections. Moulds were cast of each section taken down to safeguard the original ceiling.

Enrichments from the ceiling in the Wolfson British Academy Room had to be removed too, as well as the plaster dome. It created new decorative arches to match existing ones, and manufactured and installed a bespoke fibrous plaster niche in the main entrance. It also surveyed and secured the original ceiling in the lecture theatre and repaired and replicated existing mouldings.

The judges were full of praise: "Overall, a stunning collection of precision work either repairing, replacing and even relocating a myriad of plaster features throughout the whole of the Academy. Excellent work."

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