

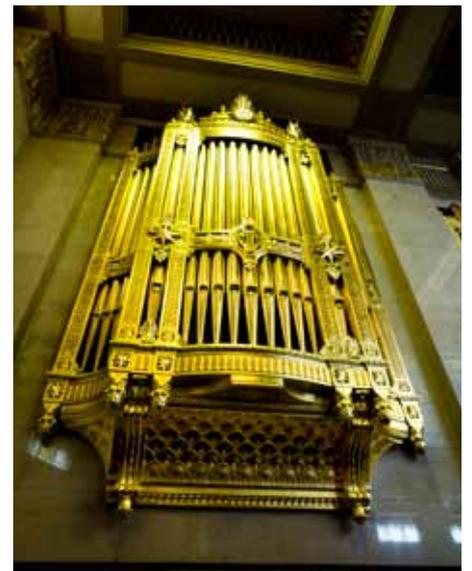
# UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND WINS FIS SILVER AWARD IN THE FIBROUS AND GRG HERITAGE CATEGORY



Pictured above: The interior of the Grand Temple (UGLE) showcasing the organ casings. Pictured below: a close up of the new organ casing. Photographs courtesy of John Parry

Hayles and Howe are delighted to have won the Silver Award in the fibrous and GRG Heritage category at the FIS contractors awards 2016 on the 7th June. David Harrison (MD of Hayles and Howe) and Charles Grace, the clients representative attended the event to collect the award for Hayles and Howe's involvement in the installation of a new organ case in the Grand Temple of the Grade II\* listed Art Deco, Freemasons Hall in London. The commission was to create a new organ case in composite resin replicating the detailed enrichments of the two original organ cases situated on the side walls of the temple. The new organ casing though wider and projecting further forward than the originals successfully fulfilled this brief creating a focal point in the Grand Temple. The Hayles and Howe team took great

care in taking over 12 thixotropic moulds from the enrichments on one of the original organ cases. The Bristol workshop replicated the detailing in plaster, remodeling ornament to create master moulds prior to casting all the required positives in composite resin. The Hayles and Howe project Manager and site foreman liaised closely with Laurence Beckford, Carver, Howard Bros Joiners and Adam Architecture to ensure the project was completed on time and within budget. Charles Grace, the client's representative said "we are very glad to have had the expertise of Hayles and Howe on this important project. I have been most impressed with the skill these craftsmen showed in taking moulds of very intricate and delicate decorations, and we are all delighted with the end result."



The FIS judges comments are as follows: "The organ case takes pride of place and is very well executed, one might suggest the enriched mouldings – made of composite resin – is not a plastering award entry, but the skills used in taking copies of existing enrichments and adapting them to make new ones certainly are plastering skills."



**Pictured far left** (from left to right): Steve Coley, (President of the FIS), David Harrison (Hayles and Howe MD) receiving the award and Tony Hawks the guest speaker.

**Pictured immediate left:** David Harrison (Hayles and Howe MD) with Charles Grace (The Clients Representative) receiving the Silver Award at the FIS Contractors Award for work at the United Grand Lodge of England, Freemasons Hall