

# LONDON, UK THE PAINTED HALL

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Project **The Painted Hall Undercroft**  
 Hugh Broughton Architects, London  
 Client **Old Royal Naval College**  
 Location **London, Greenwich, UK**  
 Year **2018**

The Painted Hall at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich is sometimes described as the "UK's Sistine Chapel" and consists of an epic 18-th Century Masterpiece.

With a surface of 40.000 square feet it is one of the most spectacular and impressive baroque interiors in Europe, with its walls and ceilings conceived and executed by British Artist Sir James Thornhill between 1707 and 1726.

HBA's work, which has won the RIBA London Award 2019, has been praised by RIBA for "the attention to detail and craftsmanship (that) is testament to a successful, collaborative relationship between client and architect."

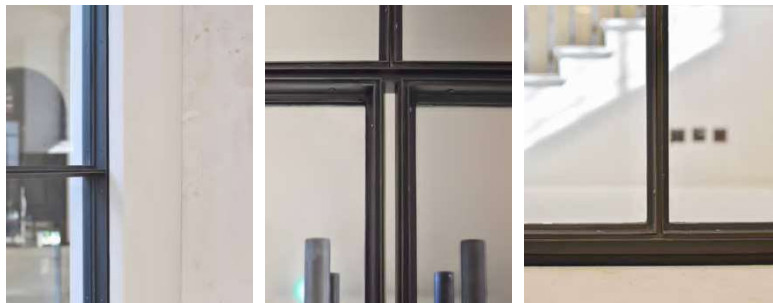
HBA turned to Capoferri to build the three partitions from true bronze that divide the Undercroft, with its gift shop, cafeteria and ticketing counter from the entrance to the Main Hall.

The design intent asked for very slender profiles in the tradition of the metal windows of the last century.

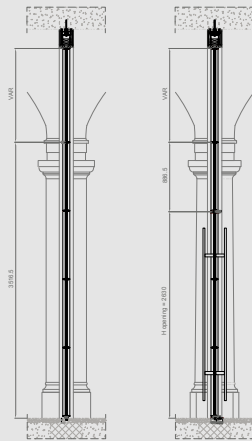
The final result surprised even the Architects as the profile size in their initial renders submitted to the client were wider than those Capoferri actually achieved, through careful engineering, despite challenges as with the limited amount of fixing points permitted to the shape of the existing columns of the historic structure into which the partitions needed to be anchored.



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Vertical section on the fixed platform

Vertical section on the passage

Horizontal section

