



Alley's School

Dulwich London SE22



Rooff has been awarded the construction contract for the new Performing Arts Centre at Alley's School, Dulwich.

Edward Alleyn was a prosperous Elizabethan actor manager whose Rose and Fortune Theatres rivalled Shakespeare's Globe. In 1619 he established his college of Gods Gift. Together with Dulwich College and James Allen's Girls' School, Alley's School is the direct descendant of Edward Alleyn's original foundation and was established as a Boys' School in 1882.

van Heyningen and Haward Architects were involved in the preparation of the recent masterplan which analysed the existing building stock and land available to the school. The masterplan provided a development framework for the school, for the next 15-20 years.

Contract Value: £7.1M
Form of Contract: JCT 2005
Contract Period: 80 weeks

The first phase constitutes the new Arts Centre, which will include a 300 seat theatre for drama, music and dance, together with a smaller studio theatre space, display space, green rooms and conference facilities.

The new arts centre will house the Michael Croft Theatre. Michael Croft was the founder of the National Youth Theatre and was a former head of drama at the school. The NYT will be closely involved in drama productions at the new facility.

The building is of contemporary design with a large glass atrium to the foyer. The building will be brick clad with the main entrance being fully glazed to allow views through the structure.

The works programme has sectional completion dates, involving close liaison with the school and is another Rooff example of a complex and high quality building project.

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Alley's School

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