CASE STUDY

Refurbishment of The Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts

Project Particulars
The Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts is a higher education institute for performers and those who want to make performance possible. The creation of LIPA was originally influenced by the 1980 blockbuster ‘FAME’ – A film about the New York High School for the performing arts. With the idea that a performing arts institute could teach all the skills for a performance at the same it gained the support of some 50 people with a vision for a new performing arts institute. But it was the Beatles producer, Sir George Martin who introduced Mark to Sir Paul McCartney, who had coincidently embarked on a plan to save the Liverpool Institute for Boys Building (his old school). It took seven years of planning, fund raising and building to get LIPA off the ground. LIPA was officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen on 7th June 1996.

The Problem
As part of an extensive refurbishment project, the works included the introduction of a Theatre studio, a full height Atrium area including major internal alterations to this Grade II listed building. Grade 2 were asked to provide a watertight solution to problematic damp basements & cast Iron box gutters on the roof as part of £5.1 million major scheme.

Conclusion
Despite this being a very difficult project we worked very closely with site management & institute staff and delivered this project on time & with very little disruption to students which was much appreciated by all concerned.

Contract Value £160,000.00
Location Liverpool
Project Basement Waterproofing

Other services include:
- Guaranteed Liquid Roofing
- Concrete Repairs
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Keeping water out of the building was at the forefront of our minds at all times.

Client's Requirements
The Liverpool institute for performing arts required a completely dry environment to allow state of the art teaching facilities to be provided to allow tutoring to be carried out in previously unusable areas together with providing valuable archive storage.

Proposal
We applied the Sika 1 pre-bagged & Combiflex waterproofing systems to an approx area of 1000M2 to the basement & all works were carried out in full compliance with BS 8102: 2009 - “The Protection of below ground structures against water from the ground”