

# LEICESTER SQUARE FOUNTAIN

Dating from the 1900's the marble had become soiled and damaged which now requires intricate hand carved repairs in new marble carefully sourced to match the original.

As part of the initial works a fully documented series of cleaning trials was undertaken to help establish the most appropriate methodology. The majority of marble was carefully cleaned using the DOFF steam system to remove surface soiling and organic growth. Poultices were also used to help remove or fade out deep seated staining.

The conservation and repair will see the replacement of original Dolphin tails with new subtlety re-designed tails to provide greater durability and stability. The legs and hands and parts of the arms of William Shakespeare's statue were carefully cut off to be replaced with new hand carved marble replacements replicating the originals in every minute detail.