THEATRICAL STITCH

John Dobson House - Theatre Costume Design









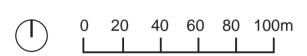


John Dobson house is located in Newcastle upon Tyne on New Bridge Street, built in 1823 by Architect John Dobson as a family home it is now Grade II* listed. Over the years it has been "stitched onto" with a new 2nd floor, portico and various rear extensions which have since been demolished.

Researching John Dobson focused the attention onto materiality and theatres. At age 11 he designed damask patterns for local material artists and he built the first theatre in Newcastle in 1835. The building is located on the blue carpet within the CCZ funding area for 16 - 25 year olds to get involved with theatre production.

This proposal will commercially design and producing costumes for the 10 local theatres. Enabling young adults to gain work experience, update their CV, portfolio and be inspired by the creative surroundings, outside theatre film gatherings and archive displays from the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

Site Plan:





Building Response:





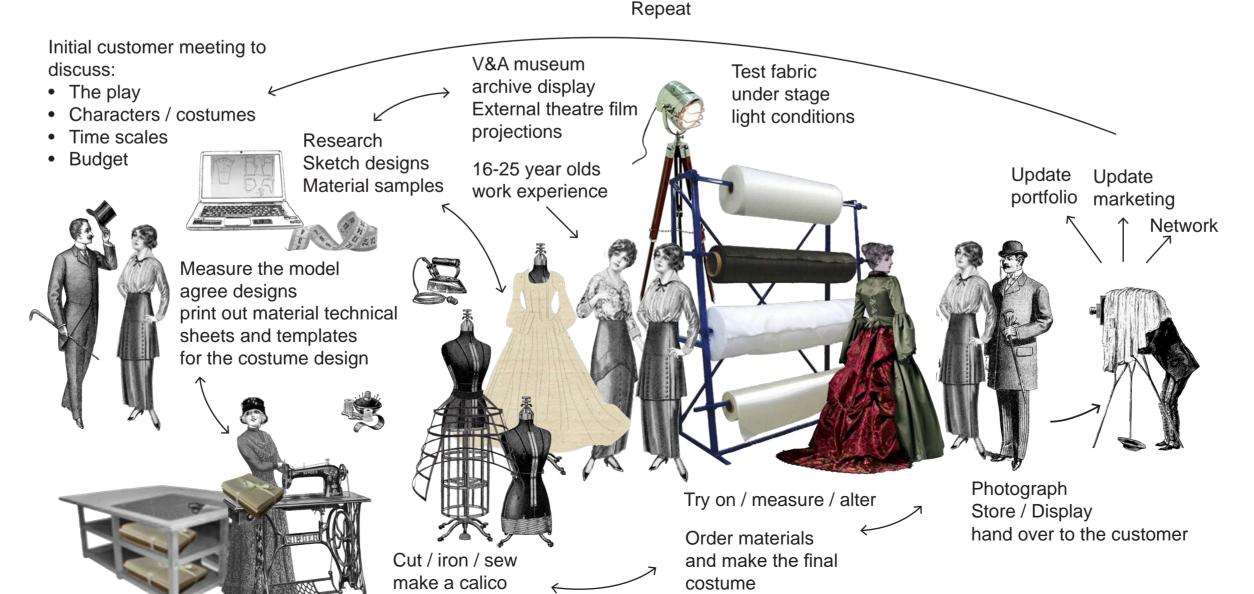


The exposed structure in the building is like the hidden structure in a theatre costume.

Serial Vision:



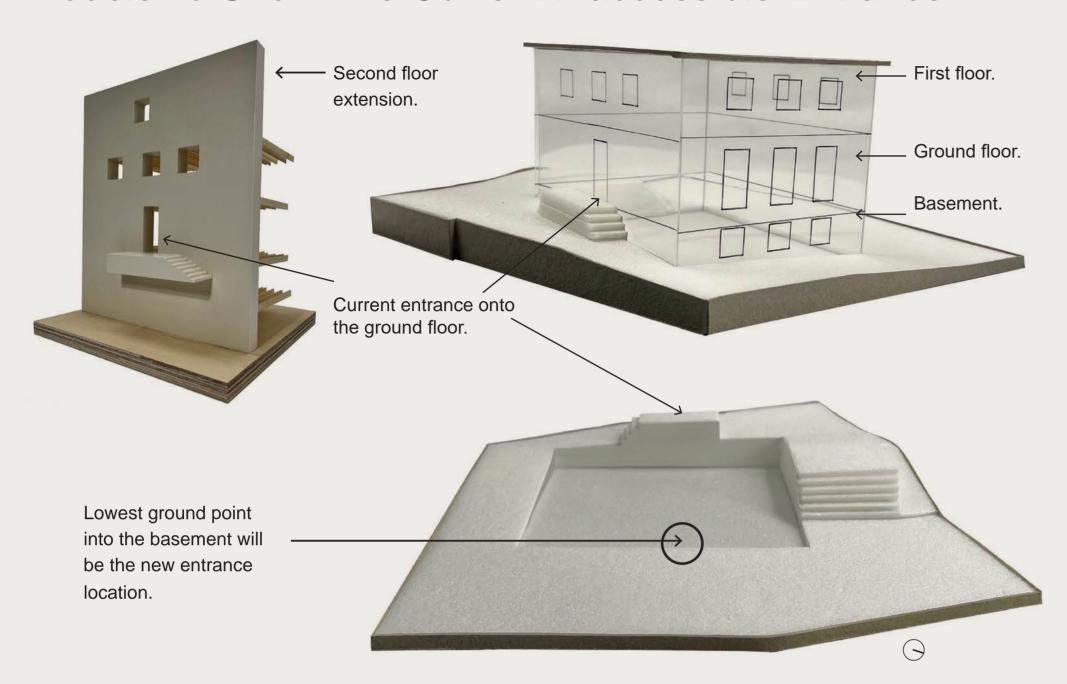
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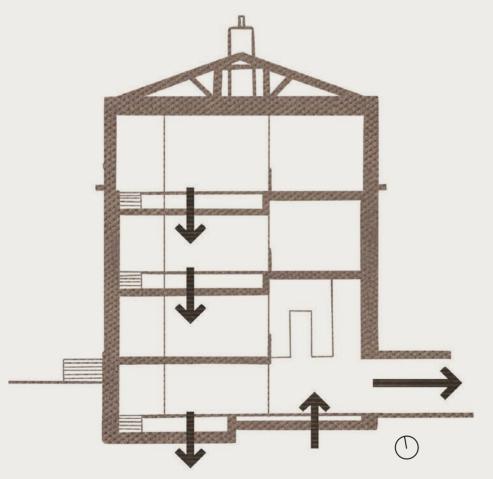
prototype

"Designing costumes surrounded by inspiration and theatrical materiality"

Models To Show The Current Inaccessible Entrance:

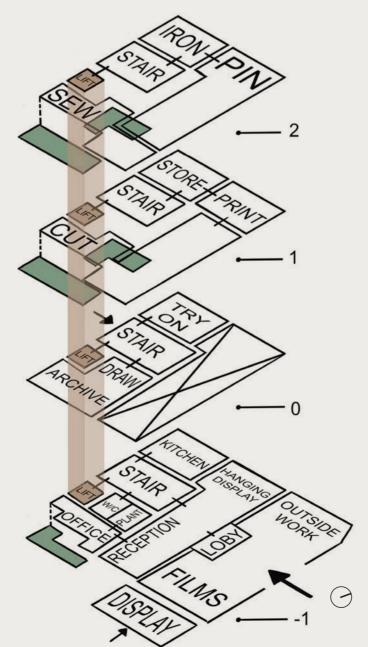


Key Moves:



- No alterations to areas of stucco plaster.
- Floor level and material changes to bring in light and visual connections.
- New accessible basement floor and entrance 3 location.
- Theatrical theme throughout.

Block Plan:



Model To Show The New Basement Floor And Remaining

Building:



Areas of detailed plasterwork on the walls and ceiling remain within the new design.

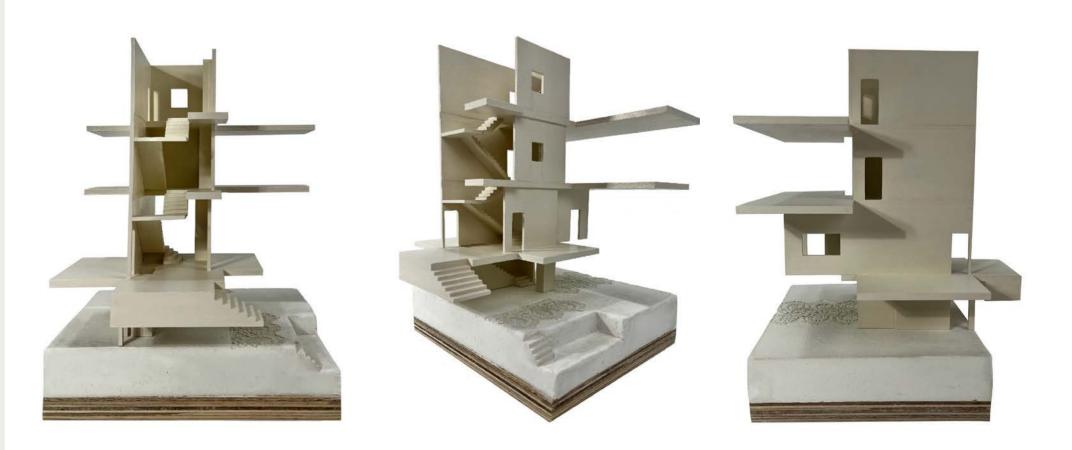
Remaining building painted in calico to represent the original costume test sample which is made in this material.



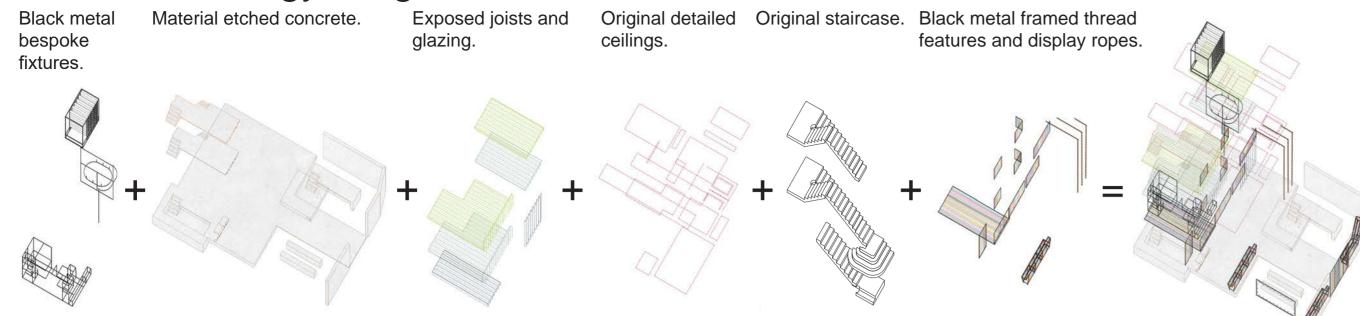
New raised basement floor to allow for an accessible entrance.

Etched in material patterns to represent the costume design function of the building.

The walls and floor areas not in this model have been altered in the new design proposal.







Short Section A:

KEY:

- Sewing area.
- Cutting area.
- Drawing desk and archive display.
- Hanging display in the double height void.
- Sunken office / computers research, design, CV and portfolios.
- Reception.
- Built in overhead projector and lights.
- External courtyard / working / seating / networking area.



Axonometric:





Flat = nochange

Extruded = new design.



Location of perspective Location image.

 \rightarrow Entrance. Detailed ceiling location.

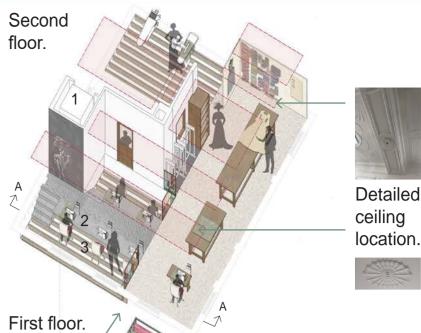
Section A cut line.



- New larger lift.
- Material etched concrete table / walkway / industrial sewing machine
- 3 New lowered glass floor. Hanging pattern sheets. Velvet stage curtain for
- privacy when trying on the costumes and stage lighting to test out the materials under stage conditions. Original entrance.

Ground floor.

- Staff kitchen.
- Disabled unisex toilet.
- Plant room.
- New entrance with a 2m
- 10 lobby and 1m canopy with built in projector and lights. Projector screen.
- 11 Costume display in the
- 12 portico.





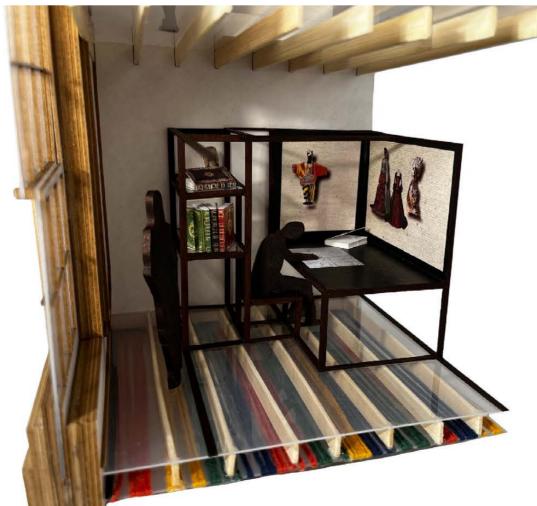




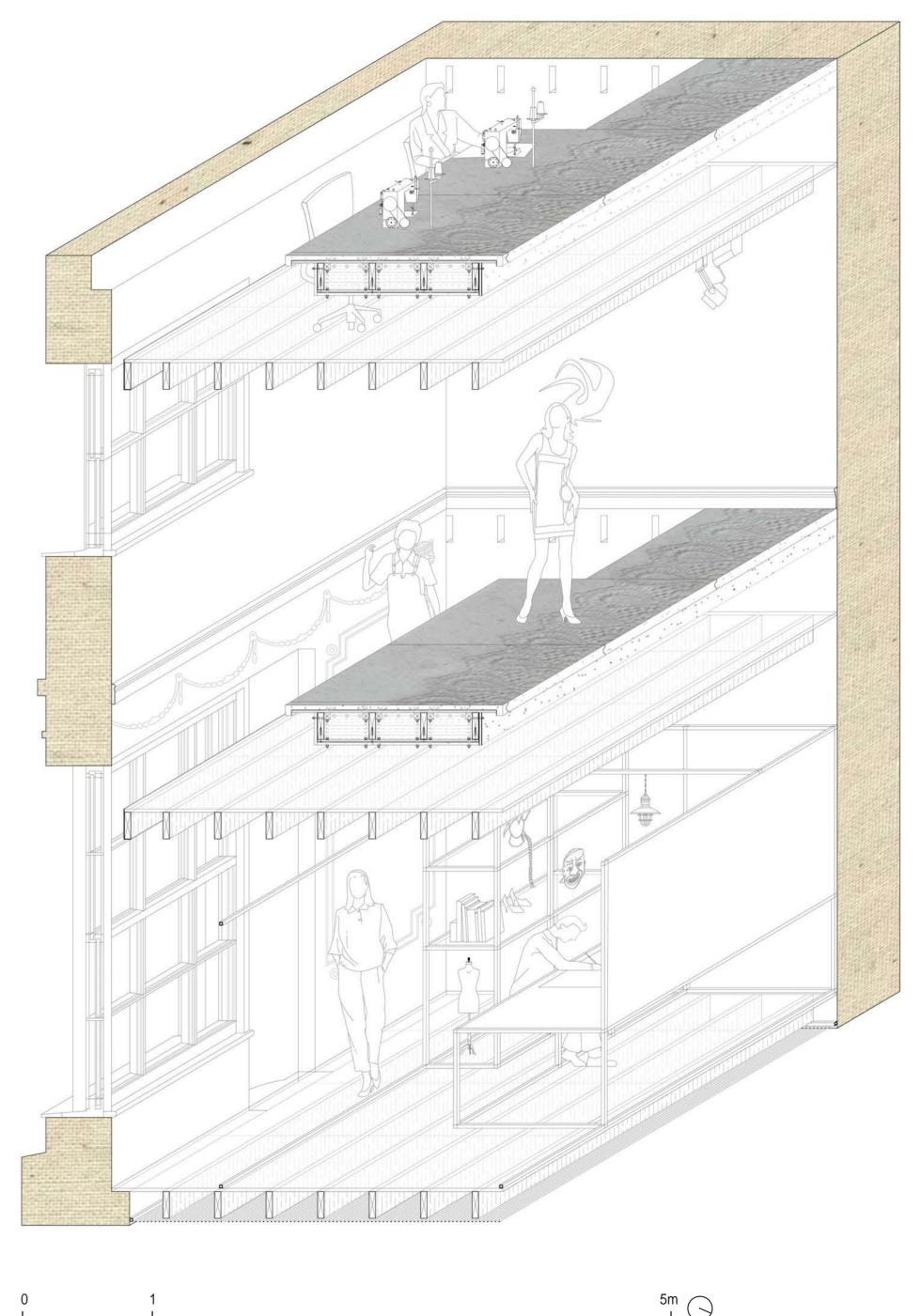


1:20 Model Detail B:





1:20 Axo Detail B:



Perspective Visuals:

- A First floor cutting room.
- B Reception sunken orchestra pit office, views up to the ground floor archive and drawing room and above cutting room.
- C Basement double height void, hanging displays and dramatic stage set walls, showcasing the beautiful ceilings.
- D New courtyard entrance.





