



Media Statement on the National Collection of Theatre & Performance in relation to proposed restructure of the V&A Curatorial departments, within the Collections Division

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Despite emergency support from government, the V&A is facing a £10m annual deficit, and with deep regret, we have been forced to explore all routes to reduce costs across the museum in order to protect our future. We are currently in a formal consultation process on proposed restructures of the V&A's curatorial teams, including the Theatre & Performance department. Preserving the National Collection of Theatre & Performance remains fundamental to the V&A's mission as the world's leading museum of art, design and performance – these collections and access to them, alongside our dedicated Theatre and Performance galleries at the V&A in South Kensington, are not impacted by the proposals. The proposed changes relate to the structure of the V&A's dedicated curatorial teams, and our priority is consulting openly and meaningfully with our staff and trade union colleagues on these proposals and supporting our staff community through this difficult process.

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