

Cadogan Hall - London - UK



A Curtain
raising reception
for the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra...

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Founded in 1946 by Thomas Beecham, the RPO has gained a reputation as a leading world class orchestra. It is sometimes called 'Britain's National Orchestra', such is its reputation. It has always been a London based orchestra and is shortly to move to its magnificent new home at the newly refurbished Cadogan Hall in the heart of Chelsea, London.

As part of the refurbishment, Coopers have installed a FireMaster Automatic Fire Barrier which divides the reception area from the entrance hall in the event of a fire. The curtain is retracted into a concealed housing in the ceiling above the reception opening and is only deployed in a fire situation or for testing purposes. A 2 hour fire resistant material was used for this project, to ensure ample time for escape, containment, and for fire fighters to address any fire that occurs within the confines of the reception area. They are tested to BS 476 : Part 22 : 1987 and Smoke Control to BS 7346 : Part 3 : 1990.

All Coopers Automatic Fire Barriers are 'Gravity Fall Failsafe', with safe controlled descent, which means that they will automatically deploy when there is mains power failure. Coopers worked closely with Paul Davis & Partners (architects) to provide a successful solution that would satisfy the needs of the Fire Authorities and at the same time not compromise the aesthetics of this historic building.