



Newsletter

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News

Liebieghaus Museum and Yale University take delivery of Compact Phoenix systems

After successful laser cleaning trials on a number of objects, including the stunning 15th-century [Rimini altarpiece](#) (alabaster), conservators at the [Liebieghaus Museum](#) (Frankfurt am Main, Germany) have recently taken delivery of a new Compact Phoenix NdYAG laser cleaning system. The Liebieghaus is home to a superb collection of 3,000 sculptures dating from ancient Egypt to Neoclassicism and is one of the world's most prominent museums specializing in sculpture.

In December our conservation specialist, Dr Martin Cooper, visited New Haven (Connecticut, USA) to install a new Compact Phoenix system, complete with interchangeable NdYAG and ErYAG handpieces, in the new conservation studios of Yale University Art Gallery.

Brooklyn Museum uses Compact Phoenix to clean ancient ushabti box

Following the successful laser cleaning workshop held at the Brooklyn Museum of Art last November (attended by over 20 conservators from the New York area), conservators from the museum have used Lynton's Compact Phoenix system to gently clean an ancient ushabti box (Third Intermediate Period, Thebes, Egypt). [Click here](#) for more information.



Lynton holds successful laser cleaning workshops in USA

Lynton recently held two more laser cleaning workshops in the USA. The de Young Museum in San Francisco and the National Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian Institution) in Washington DC hosted workshops attended by over 30 conservators eager to learn more about laser cleaning and gain valuable hands-on experience. The image below shows excellent results obtained at the San Francisco workshop using our Compact Phoenix system to gently remove copper corrosion products from a 19th-century gilded brass mount (left side).



Lynton invited to talk at University of Pennsylvania and Riga workshops

Lynton recently took part in the 'Laser Cleaning Workshop for Art and Architecture' organised by PennDesign at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, USA. The 2-day workshop provided an excellent opportunity for over 80 conservators, architects and building contractors to listen to and question several leading researchers and manufacturers and to observe and take part in demonstrations of a range of laser cleaning equipment, including Lynton's portable Compact Phoenix system. Lynton was also delighted to be invited to talk about laser cleaning of historic surfaces at ICOMOS Latvia's 50th anniversary seminar, 'Innovative Technologies for Heritage Preservation', held in the beautiful city of Riga.

DBR Ltd. undertakes laser cleaning trials on famous Nelson Pediment

DBR Conservation Ltd. has been using Lynton's Compact Phoenix laser in testing on the stunning Nelson Pediment (Coade stone) at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich, London. Read more about this in March's edition of [Context](#) magazine, published by the Institute of Historic Building Conservation.



Lynton carries out London laser cleaning trials with Paye Conservation Ltd.

Lynton has been working closely with Paye Conservation to carry out laser cleaning tests at a number of important London sites, including: St. George's Cathedral (Southwark), the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square and the Law Society building in Chancery Lane. [Click here](#) to read more about the successful tests undertaken at St. George's on the friable limestone panel, attributed to Augustus Pugin (1812-1852), and [click here](#) to read about the excellent results obtained on a Corinthian capital on the front elevation of the National Gallery.

Laser cleaning of a giant deer skeleton

Conservators from Manx Museums on the Isle of Man have successfully used a Compact Phoenix laser to remove a darkened layer of shellac and dirt from the skeleton of a 11,500 year old giant deer during a recent conservation treatment. Read more about the giant deer which attracted so much attention from the world's media [here](#).



Training

Our laser cleaning training courses have been very well-attended again this year with conservators attending from a wide range of museums and private companies including: the British Museum, Victoria and Albert Museum, Durham University, West Dean College, Lincoln Cathedral, Recclesia Ltd., B & H Art in Architecture (New York) and de Vink Restoration (Netherlands). Dates for next year have just been announced: 25th April 2017; 17th October 2017.

Please contact us for further information on any of the above or if you have any questions about training, testing, renting or purchasing one of our laser cleaning systems.