

Armillary Sphere Supported by Children (Forsyth's)

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Sculptor: Gilbert Bayes and**Architect: Sir John James Burnet**

Town or Village Edinburgh	Parish Edinburgh NPA	Local Govt District The City of Edinburgh Council	County Lothian
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Area in town: New Town**Road:** Princes Street / South St Andrew Street**Location:** On top of corner tower of 30 Princes Street (formerly the Forsyth's Building)**A to Z Ref:** **OS Ref:** **Postcode:** EH2**Previously at:****Setting:** On building**SubType:** Public access**Commissioned by:** R.W.Forsyth

Year of Installation:	Details:	Design	1906-1907 (original) / [?] (replacement)
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Category: Architectural**Category:** Non Commemorative**Category:** Sculptural**Class Type:** Sculpture**SubType:** Define under Subject
Type

Subject	Figurative
Subject	Non Figurative

SubType: Standing	Children
SubType: Group	Signs of the Zodiac

Part(s) of work	Material(s)	Dimensions
> Original	Lead, copper and bronze	
> Replacement	Painted fibreglass	
> Original signs of the Zodiac	Bronze	average 54x40cm

Work is: **Extant****Listing Status:** I**Custodian/Owner:** Yeadel Ltd / Arcadia**Condition Report****Overall Condition:** Good**Risk Assessment:** No Known Risk**Structural Condition**

Replaced parts

Comment

Whole sphere replaced, but signs of the Zodiac survive in basement of building

Surface Character:

Previous treatments

Comment

Replacement repainted 2002

Vandalism:

None

Comment**Inscriptions:** None Visible**Signatures:** None Visible**Physical** Openwork sphere supported by three naked boys. Behind the boy on the south front is a garland.**Description:** Around the main circle are representations of the signs of the Zodiac.**Person or event commemorated:****History of Commission** According to The Scotsman of 15 May 1907, 'the sphere will be gilded, and in it will be placed a large electric lamp.'

The original sphere was made of lead, copper and bronze. At some point this sphere was removed and replaced with one made of fibreglass. The original sphere is now lost, but ten of the signs of the Zodiac survive, kept in a box in the building. Slides were taken of these on 18/6/03 (Ref. 128/11-20). The surviving signs of the Zodiac are Capricorn, Sagittarius, Taurus, Aquarius, Gemini, Libra, Scorpio, Cancer, Aries and Pisces. (Leo and Virgo are missing). A representation of Neptune, sitting on a dolphin and holding a trident, is in the box with the signs of the Zodiac, but where this has come from is not known. (Slide Ref. 128/21+22)

Exhibitions:**Related Works:**

Legal Precedents:

References: Academy Architecture, 1907 (1), p.56
The Scotsman, 15 May 1907, p.8, col.h
The Builder, 30 June 1906, p.736
J. Gifford, C. McWilliam, D. Walker and C. Wilson, The Buildings of Scotland: Edinburgh, 1991, pp.310-11

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Term Figures (Forsyth's)**Sculptor: William Birnie Rhind and****Sculptor: Sir William Reid Dick and****Architect: Sir John James Burnet and****Architect: Burnet Son & Dick and****Carver: Stoneworks**

Town or Village	Parish	Local Govt District	County
Edinburgh	Edinburgh NPA	The City of Edinburgh Council	Lothian

Area in town: New Town**Road:** Princes Street / South St Andrew Street**Location:** Along edge of roof of 30 Princes Street, six on Princes Street, four on South St Andrew Street**A to Z Ref:** **OS Ref:** **Postcode:** EH2**Previously at:****Setting:** On building**SubType:** Public access**Commissioned by:** R.W. Forsyth

Year of Installation:	Details:	Design	1906 - 1907 / 1923 - 1925 / 2002
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Category: Architectural**Category:** Non Commemorative**Category:** Sculptural**Class Type:** Sculpture**SubType:** Define under Subject Type**Subject** Figurative**SubType:** Bust

Part(s) of work	Material(s)	Dimensions
> All	Sandstone	

Work is: Extant **Listing Status:** I**Custodian/Owner:** Yeadel Ltd / Arcadia**Condition Report****Overall Condition:** Good**Risk Assessment:** No known risk**Structural Condition**

Replaced parts

Comment

The 6 badly crumbling heads (above) were replaced in 2002

Surface Character:

Surface spalling, crumbling

Comment

Severe crumbling of stone on 4 of the 6 terms on Princes Street, less crumbling on remaining 2. Crumbling on 2 of the 4 on Sth St Andrew Street (2001)

Vandalism:

None

Comment**Inscriptions:** None Visible**Signatures:** None Visible**Physical Description:** Carved term figures (6 on Princes Street, 4 on South St Andrew Street), at equal distances apart along

edge of roof.

Person or event commemorated:

History of Commission: Nine term figures were put on the original building of 1906-7 (architect Sir John James Burnet). One was added at the west end of the Princes Street façade when the building was extended by Burnet, Son & Dick (1923-5). The six badly crumbling figures were replaced by Stoneworks in 2002. According to The Scotsman of 15 May 1907, the figures are "Hermae", 'representing the seasons.'

Exhibitions:**Related Works:****Legal Precedents:**

References: The Scotsman, 15 May 1907, p.8, col. H
J. Gifford, C. McWilliam, D. Walker and C. Wilson, The Buildings of Scotland: Edinburgh, 1991, pp.310-11

Academy Architecture, 1907 (1), p.56

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Standing Female Figure (Forsyth's)**Sculptor: William Birnie Rhind and****Architect: Sir John James Burnet**

Town or Village Edinburgh	Parish Edinburgh NPA	Local Govt District The City of Edinburgh Council	County Lothian
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Area in town: New Town**Road:** Princes Street / South St Andrew Street**Location:** At corner of building, between 2nd and 3rd floors, 30 Princes Street**A to Z Ref:****OS Ref:****Postcode:** EH2**Previously at:****Setting:** On building**SubType:** Public access**Commissioned by:** R. W. Forsyth**Year of Installation:****Details:****Design**

1906 - 1907

Category: Architectural**Category:** Non Commemorative**Category:** Sculptural**Class Type:** Sculpture**SubType:** Define under Subject Type**Subject** Figurative**SubType:** Standing**Part(s) of work****Material(s)****Dimensions**

> Whole

Sandstone

Work is: Extant**Listing Status:** I**Custodian/Owner:** Yeadel Ltd / Arcadia**Condition Report****Overall Condition:** Fair**Risk Assessment:** At Risk**Structural Condition****Comment**

Broken, missing parts

Middle of figure crumbled away

Surface Character:**Comment**

Corrosion, Deterioration

Serious deterioration across middle of figure

Vandalism:**Comment**

None

Inscriptions: None Visible**Signatures:** None Visible**Physical** Standing female figure in long dress, holding [?] in left hand; right hand missing. Across her middle is**Description:** a ribbon or banner (central section missing)**Person or event commemorated:****History of Commission**

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Exhibitions:**Related Works:****Legal Precedents:**

References: J. Gifford, C. McWilliam, D. Walker and C. Wilson, The Buildings of Scotland: Edinburgh, 1991, pp.310-11
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Female with Horses (x 2 Groups) (Forsyth's)

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Sculptor: William Birnie Rhind and**Architect: Sir John James Burnet**

Town or Village Edinburgh	Parish Edinburgh NPA	Local Govt District The City of Edinburgh Council	County Lothian
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Area in town: New Town**Road:** Princes Street / South St Andrew Street**Location:** In broken segmental pediment above 2nd floor on each façade, 1st bay from corner, 30 Princes Street**A to Z Ref:** **OS Ref:** **Postcode:** EH2**Previously at:****Setting:** On building**SubType:** Public access**Commissioned by:** R. W. Forsyth**Year of Installation:** **Details:** **Design** 1906 - 1907**Category:** Architectural**Category:** Animal**Category:** Non Commemorative**Category:** Sculptural**Class Type:** Sculpture**SubType:** Define under Subject Type**Subject** Figurative**Subject** Non Figurative**SubType:** Standing

Female

SubType: Equestrian**Part(s) of work****Material(s)****Dimensions**

> All

Sandstone

Work is: **Extant****Listing Status:** I**Custodian/Owner:** Yeadel Ltd / Arcadia**Condition Report****Overall Condition:** Good**Risk Assessment:** No known risk**Surface Character:****Comment**

Bird guano

Biological growth

Surface spalling, crumbling

Street Vandalism:

None

Green algae on stone on South St Andrew Street

Surface crumbling on figure on South St Andrew

Comment**Inscriptions:** F on keystone in each pediment (gilded)**Signatures:** None Visible**Physical** On each facade: Standing female figure flanked by two pairs of rearing horses. Female has long straight**Description:** hair and wears a long cloak. Each group is in a broken segmental pediment. (These are not on the building in the illustration in Academy Architecture 1907 (1), p. 56)**Person or event commemorated:****History of** According to The Scotsman of 15 May 1907, each group consists of a 'female figure driving a chariot,**Commission** symbolical of the firm's motto, "Onward".

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Exhibitions:**Related Works:** Cf. Burnet's building for R. W. Forsyth (Ltd) in Glasgow, which has figures representing the seasons, and a chariot pulled by horses.**Legal Precedents:****References:** The Scotsman, 15 May 1907, p.8, col.h

J. Gifford, C. McWilliam, D. Walker and C. Wilson, The Buildings of Scotland: Edinburgh, 1991, pp.310-11

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Masks and Garland (Forsyth's)

Architect: Sir John James Burnet

Town or Village Edinburgh	Parish Edinburgh NPA	Local Govt District The City of Edinburgh Council	County Lothian
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Area in town: New Town

Road: Princes Street / South St Andrew Street

Location: Above 1st floor south corner bay South St Andrew Street and east corner bay, Princes Street, 30 Princes Street

A to Z Ref:

OS Ref:

Postcode: EH2

Previously at:

Setting: On building

SubType: Public access

Commissioned by: R. W. Forsyth

Year of Installation:

Details:

Design

1906 - 1907

Category: Architectural

Category: Natural

Category: Non Commemorative

Category: Sculptural

Class Type: Sculpture

SubType: Define under Subject Type

Subject: Figurative

SubType: Head

Mask

Subject: Non Figurative

SubType: Full Length

Garland

Part(s) of work

Material(s)

Dimensions

> All

Sandstone

Work is: **Extant**

Listing Status: I

Custodian/Owner: Yeadel Ltd / Arcadia

Condition Report

Overall Condition: Good

Risk Assessment: No Known Risk

Surface Character:

Comment

No damage

Vandalism:

Comment

None

Inscriptions: None

Signatures: None Visible

Physical Grotesque masks with staring eyes and open mouths. Each has a ribbon behind it and holds one end**Description:** of a garland of fruit and flowers in its mouth. (These are not on the building in the illustration in

Academy Architecture 1907 (1), p. 56)

Person or event commemorated:

History of Commission:

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Exhibitions:

Related Works:

Legal Precedents:

References: J. Gifford, C. McWilliam, D. Walker and C. Wilson, The Buildings of Scotland: Edinburgh, 1991, pp.310-11
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Decorative Ironwork (Forsyth's)**Blacksmith: Unknown and****Architect: Sir John James Burnet**

Town or Village Edinburgh	Parish Edinburgh NPA	Local Govt District The City of Edinburgh Council	County Lothian
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Area in town: New Town**Road:** Princes Street / South St Andrew Street**Location:** On both facades (see Descriptive Text for details), 30 Princes Street**A to Z Ref:****OS Ref:****Postcode:** EH2**Previously at:****Setting:** On building**SubType:** Public access**Commissioned by:** R. W. Forsyth**Year of Installation:****Details:****Design**

1906 - 1907

Category: Abstract**Category:** Animal**Category:** Architectural**Category:** Non Commemorative**Category:** Sculptural**Class Type:** Other**SubType:** Define in freetext

Ironwork

Subject Figurative**SubType:** Head

Cherubs

Subject Non Figurative**SubType:** Full Length

Torches

Part(s) of work**Material(s)****Dimensions**

> All

Ironwork

Work is: Extant**Listing Status:** I**Custodian/Owner:** Yeadel Ltd / Arcadia**Condition Report****Overall Condition:** Good**Risk Assessment:** No Known Risk**Surface Character:****Comment**

No damage

Vandalism:**Comment**

None

Inscriptions: None**Signatures:** None Visible**Physical** South St Andrew Street: three cherub heads between second floor windows.**Description:** Railings with torch holders, first floor (torch holders (x2) on columns between windows). Railing on S. corner bay decorated with disc on which is a putto and ram's head. Princes Street: three cherub heads on second floor; railings along all six bays. At each end is a putto and ram's head; three torch holders on columns between four centre bays.**Person or event commemorated:****History of Commission** According to The Scotsman of 15 May 1907, 'On the level of the first floor windows, which are recessed, is a balcony with wrought-iron screen, and wrought-iron torch-holders are decoratively

: distributed along the front to carry electric lamps for use when the city is 'en fete'. Bronze cupid heads also appear on the walls, and will be utilised on similar occasions to support trophies of [sic] flags.'

Exhibitions:**Related Works:****Legal Precedents:****References:** The Scotsman, 15 May 1907, p.8, col.h
J. Gifford, C. McWilliam, D. Walker and C. Wilson, The Buildings of Scotland: Edinburgh, 1991, pp.310-11
Academy Architecture, 1907(1), p.56**Notes:**

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Inscription Panels (Forsyth's)**Architect: Sir John James Burnet**

Town or Village Edinburgh	Parish Edinburgh NPA	Local Govt District The City of Edinburgh Council	County Lothian
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Area in town: New Town

Road: Princes Street / South St David Street / Meuse Lane

Location: At intervals on ground floor, between windows, 30 Princes Street

A to Z Ref:

OS Ref:

Postcode: EH2

Previously at:

Setting: On building

SubType: Public access

Commissioned by: R. W. Forsyth

Year of Installation:

Details:

Design

1906-1907

Category: Architectural

Category: Functional

Category: Non Commemorative

Class Type: Panel

SubType: Define in freetext

Inscription panels

Subject Non Figurative

SubType: Full Length

Inscription

Part(s) of work

Material(s)

Dimensions

> Lettering

Meta

> Panels

Sandstone

Work is: **Extant**

Listing Status: I

Custodian/Owner: Yeadel Ltd/Arcadia

Condition Report

Overall Condition: Good

Risk Assessment: No Known Risk

Surface Character:

Comment

No damage

Vandalism:

Comment

None

Inscriptions: In applied metal letters (all upper case) are inscriptions on panels on ground floor. Princes Street, left to right: [1] Glasgow Warehouse / Renfield Street - corner Gordon St [2] 30 - 31 / Juvenile / Tailors & Outfitters [3] Highland / Costumes & Accessories [4] Outfitters / Schools & Clubs
South St Andrew Street, left to right: [1] Glasgow Warehouse / Renfield Street - corner Gordon St [2] Robemakers / pulpit legal municipal academic [3] Outfitters / foreign & colonial
Meuse Lane, left to right: [1] Glasgow Warehouse / Renfield Street - corner Gordon St [2] Travelling / bags and trunks

Signatures: None

Physical

Description:

Person or event commemorated:

History of Commission

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Exhibitions:

Related Works:

Legal Precedents:

References:

Notes:

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Masks and Garland (Forsyth's)Architect: **Burnet Son & Dick**

Town or Village Edinburgh	Parish Edinburgh NPA	Local Govt District The City of Edinburgh Council	County Lothian
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Area in town: **New Town**Road: **Meuse Lane / South St David Street**Location: **On east and west sides of extension of Forsyth's over Meuse Lane, 30 Princes Street**A to Z Ref: OS Ref: Postcode: **EH2**

Previously at:

Setting: **On building** SubType: **Public access**Commissioned by: **R. W. Forsyth**

Year of Installation: Details: Design 1923-1925

Category: **Architectural**Category: **Natural**Category: **Non Commemorative**Category: **Sculptural**Class Type: **Sculpture**SubType: **Define under Subject Type**Subject **Figurative**SubType: **Head**

Mask

Subject **Non Figurative**SubType: **Full Length**

Garland

Part(s) of work

Material(s)

Dimensions

> All

Sandstone

Work is: **Extant**Listing Status: **II***Custodian/Owner: **Yeadel Ltd/Arcadia****Condition Report**Overall Condition: **Good**Risk Assessment: **No known risk**

Surface Character:

Comment

No damage

Vandalism:

Comment

None

Inscriptions: **None**Signatures: **None****Physical** Two grotesque masks with staring eyes and open mouths. Each holds one end of a garland of fruit**Description:** and flowers in its mouth. [cf. masks and garlands on original building of 1906-1907]

Person or event commemorated:

History of Commission

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Exhibitions:

Related Works:

Legal Precedents:

References: **J. Gifford, C. McWilliam, D. Walker and C. Wilson, The Buildings of Scotland: Edinburgh, 1991, pp.311+322-3**

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Female with Horses, Term Figures, Masks and Garland (Forsyth's)

Architect: Burnet Son & Dick

Town or Village: **Edinburgh** Parish: **Edinburgh NPA** Local Govt District: **The City of Edinburgh Council** County: **Lothian**

Area in town: **New Town**

Road: **St Andrew Square**

Location: **On facade of extension to Forsyth's, 3 St Andrew Square**

A to Z Ref: OS Ref: Postcode: **EH2**

Previously at:

Setting: **On building** SubType: **Public access**

Commissioned by: **R.W. Forsyth**

Year of Installation: **Details:** Design **1923-1925**

Category: **Animal**

Category: **Architectural**

Category: **Natural**

Category: **Non Commemorative**

Category: **Sculptural**

Class Type: **Sculpture**

SubType: **Define under Subject Type**

Subject: **Figurative**

SubType: **Bust**

Term figures

Subject: **Non Figurative**

SubType: **Full Length**

Garland

Part(s) of work
> All

Material(s)

Sandstone

Dimensions

Work is: **Extant** Listing Status: **II***

Custodian/Owner: **Yeadel Ltd/Arcadia**

Condition Report

Overall Condition: **Good**

Risk Assessment: **No Known Risk**

Structural Condition

Broken, missing parts

Comment

Original Forsyth's lettering has been removed from the ground floor panels

Surface Character:

No damage

Comment

Vandalism:

None

Comment

Inscriptions: **Above central second floor window, below female figure, a gilt letter: F**

Signatures: **None Visible**

Physical **Female figure flanked by horses (two each side of her) in broken, open segmental pediment above central**

Description: **second floor window.**

Four term figures at top of building.

Garland held in mouths of two grotesque masks, between first and second floors, centre of facade.

Person or event commemorated:

History of Commission

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Exhibitions:

Related Works:

Legal Precedents:

References: **J. Gifford, C. McWilliam, D. Walker and C. Wilson, The Buildings of Scotland: Edinburgh, 1991, pp.311+322-3**

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Winged Animal Head (Forsyth's)

Architect: Sir John James Burnet

Town or Village Edinburgh	Parish Edinburgh NPA	Local Govt District The City of Edinburgh Council	County Lothian
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Area in town: New Town

Road: Princes Street / South St Andrew Street

Location: At end of bannister of stairway in Wallis, 30 Princes Street (formerly Forsyth's)

A to Z Ref: OS Ref: Postcode: EH2

Previously at:

Setting: On building SubType: Public access

Commissioned by: R. W. Forsyth

Year of Installation: Details: Design 1906-1907

Category: Animal

Category: Architectural

Category: Non Commemorative

Category: Sculptural

Class Type: Sculpture

SubType: Define under Subject Type

Subject Non Figurative

SubType: Head

Part(s) of work

Material(s)

Dimensions

> Whole

Painted wood

[2'6" L x 1' H x 1'6 W]

Work is: **Extant**

Listing Status: I

Custodian/Owner: Yeadel Ltd/Arcadia

Condition Report

Overall Condition: Good

Risk Assessment: No known risk

Surface Character:**Comment**

No damage

Vandalism:**Comment**

None

Inscriptions: None

Signatures: None

Physical Wooden winged animal head at end of bannister of stairs.**Description:**

Person or event commemorated:

History of Commission:

Exhibitions:

Related Works:

Legal Precedents:

References:

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