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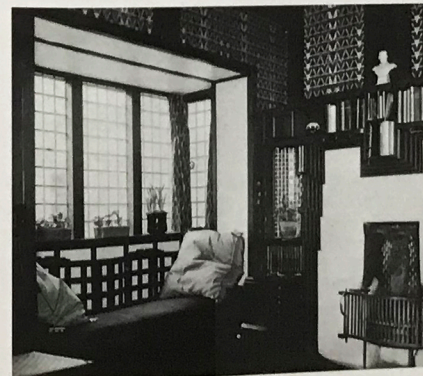
Thursday 21st July - Guided Tour

Visit to 78 Derngate, Northampton

2pm

Charles Rennie Mackintosh (1868-1928), designer, artist and architect, was one of the leading exponents of the Art Nouveau style during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Although he wasn't revered in the UK during his own lifetime, Mackintosh is now often referred to as Scotland's greatest 20th century architect and designer. Most of his surviving work can be seen in his home town of Glasgow, but Northampton has the highly-prized house at 78 Derngate.

Mackintosh was invited to remodel 78 Derngate by Wenman Joseph Bassett-Lowke in time for his wedding to Florence Jones in March, 1917. The Bassett-Lowkes lived in the house until 1926, after which it was sold several times, finally to Northampton High School in 1964, which used the building as classrooms until 1993. In 1996 it was bought by the Council and funds were raised for the restoration, which began in 2002.



The house has now been returned to its 1917 appearance. The adjoining property, number 80, has been transformed from a small Georgian terrace into a modern gallery. It houses an exhibition about the 1917 design of number 78, and about Bassett-Lowke and his business, including a display of many fine model ships and trains.

It is the stunning interior décor which is Mackintosh's real contribution to 78 Derngate, the attention to detail as well as the striking colours. Of particular note is the guest bedroom decoration of bold ultramarine, black and white stripes; the playwright George Bernard Shaw stayed there. The majority of the Mackintosh drawings relate to the decoration of the lounge-hall and the dining room. There are also drawings of the front door and of furniture, some actually made and some not. The originals are in the Mackintosh Collection at the Hunterian Art Gallery, University of Glasgow.



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