

CHARLESTON FARMHOUSE – Repair of Levitating Lady

Challenge

The Levitating Lady is a mid twentieth century resin 'bronze' cast by artist and potter Quentin Bell, at the country house and garden of Bloomsbury artists Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant. It was an early use of the material, severely de-graded and near collapse.

Solution

A mould and replica cast was made from the original, which would be stored for future reference. The new cast employed the latest in resin technology and, following the advice of a structural engineer, it is once again a daringly cantilevered figure.

Results

A major experimental sculpture has been restored to its original position, reflected in a pond across from the main house.

Client: Charleston Farmhouse Trust
Structural Engineers: Stress UK



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