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Pomp and ceremony: The celebratory role in art

Inigo Jones and the theatre of the Stuart court

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## Lecture summary

In 1975 over a hundred designs for the costumes and scenery of the court masques of the Stuart monarchs James I and Charles I toured Australia and New Zealand. Best known as the architect who had introduced the classical language of Palladian architecture to England, this exhibition surprised many by showing how Jones' designs for the theatre also played a crucial role in transmitting the visual language of the Italian Renaissance more widely into English culture.

This lecture will focus on the period between 1605 to 1640, when Jones worked on many masques with the poet Ben Johnson. Artist and playwright constantly argued about what was the most important element in a masque, the written word or the visual spectacle. The many innovations credited to Jones in stage and costume design, including moveable scenery, the proscenium arch and mood lighting, transformed theatre production and paved the way for the early modern stage.

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- 5. Walter Liberty Vernon, *Design for the façade and rear elevation of the Art Gallery of NSW* 1900. National Art Archive, Art Gallery of New South Wales.
- 6. View of the meeting point between Vernon's historic building and more recent additions.
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