

Inigo Update

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Guildhall Glory - Inigo's London Centre



**Guildhall Yard as viewed from
Blackwell House**

Blackwell House, situated in Guildhall Yard, is named after Blackwell Hall, the wool merchants' medieval market place, which was transformed from a place of residence to a weekly 'closed shop' in 1396. The third version of the hall was demolished in 1822 with the decline of the woollen cloth market in London.

This site has been at the centre of London Civic life since 1st century AD. The story starts with the Roman amphitheatre which was discovered and excavated in 1988. The outline of the amphitheatre arena has been set in the design of the new Yard's surface, which can be seen from the Centre.

Parts of the stone and tile walls of the amphitheatre have been preserved, for public access, within the basement of the Corporation of London's new Art Gallery which has been built on the site of Blackwell Hall.