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# Safely relocating a **valuable** **antique**

COMPANY

Manchester Museum

DATE

2023

LOCATION

Manchester, UK

PRODUCT

**PORTAGANTRY**<sup>®</sup>



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Manchester Museum were safely and successfully able to use REID's **PORTAGANTRY** to relocate a nineteenth century Japanese Incense Burner to a new location within the facility.

**The background**

When Manchester Museum wanted to relocate a nineteenth century Japanese Incense Burner to their newly built entrance, they approached the GAP Group for assistance. Specifying and supplying a REID Lifting **PORTAGANTRY** system, GAP's team of lifting professionals safely lifted and transported the fragile artifact to its new destination with caution and patience, whilst ensuring its preservation.

The GAP Group stock a wide range of equipment and tools, so that they are ready and available for hire, offering support to customers with their network of depots across the UK. GAP's Lifting division specialises in lifting equipment hire and their team of TIC engineers ensure that their customers' own equipment is safe and legal to use.

**The challenge**

As part of their £15 million renovation, Manchester Museum wanted to introduce a nineteenth century Japanese Incense Burner as one of the central pieces in the newly built entrance way for visitors to see. The incense burner itself had recently been cleaned by a group of volunteers and students for a project in collaboration with the museum.

The team at the museum then chose to approach GAP's lifting division with the assignment of relocating the Incense Burner to a new destination. To carry out this task, GAP's team of lifting professionals were required to exercise great caution and patience in handling this remarkable piece of history.

**The solution**

REID's **PORTAGANTRY** was chosen as the right lift for the job! The tall Gantry system used a William Hackett Chain Hoist to place the approximately 3 ½ meter tall masterpiece. The **PORTAGANTRY** is extremely lightweight and strong, capable of safely lifting up to 5000kg, making it an ideal lifting solution for GAP for this lift.

**The feedback**

The museum staff were impressed by the lift that the **PORTAGANTRY** system was able to provide.

"It was of the upmost importance that the burner was handled with extreme care to ensure no damage was done. Each of the pieces were placed carefully and efficiently thank to GAP and the REID **PORTAGANTRY** system."

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