

Georgian Cities

Villes du XVIIIe siècle
en Grande-Bretagne



This CD-ROM of about 1000 frames, focused on Bath, Edinburgh and London, includes documents on cartography, architecture, cultural life, music, and on the literary and artistic images of these cities.

Its navigational structure is meant to explore the potentialities of hypermedia to contextualise cultural history. It allows the user to move through links and hot spots from maps to pictures and photographs of Georgian buildings, or from texts about music to audio extracts. It also contains sections which model Georgian representational techniques, such as perspective drawing applied to buildings of the period, so as to enable the user to reproduce (and thus question) the ways in which the Georgian cityscape has been mediated to us in art.

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James Craig 1744-95
He was apprenticed to the Incorporation of the Wrights and Masons of Edinburgh, where exercises included the drawing of a Doric column after Palladio. His library contained books of architectural theory (Vitruvius, Alberti, Palladio), handbooks of geometry, algebra, perspective, collections of archaeological plates (among others on the recently discovered Herculaneum) and handbooks of town-planning.
At twenty-two he won the competition for the building of the New Town of Edinburgh (1766)

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