





Call for Papers

'Where Genius and the Arts Preside' Matthew Boulton and the Soho Manufactory 1809-2009

Birmingham United Kingdom

3-5 July 2009

A multidisciplinary bicentenary conference devoted to the industrialist and patron of the arts Matthew Boulton (1728-1809) and his Soho Manufactory will take place in Birmingham, United Kingdom, on 3-5 July 2009. The event will be hosted by the University of Birmingham, Birmingham City University and the Birmingham Assay Office. The conference has been scheduled to coincide with the Matthew Boulton Exhibition in the Gas Hall, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and will be accompanied by a display of the coin, medal and token output of the Soho Mint in the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, University of Birmingham.

The conference will take place at the University of Birmingham (Edgbaston campus) and Birmingham City University (Margaret Street facilities).

Proposals for papers (maximum length 25 minutes) are invited which address one or more of the themes outlined below:

- Matthew Boulton, Birmingham and the West Midlands
- Matthew Boulton and the wider world
- Matthew Boulton entrepreneur and politician
- Matthew Boulton art and industrial design
- Matthew Boulton science, technology and enlightenment

Please send proposals for papers by email attachment to <u>all four</u> of the members of the programme committee who will review the submissions. Proposals should include the following:

- Paper title and a 200 word summary
- Name and institutional affiliation (if any)
- Email address, phone and fax numbers

Proposals for entire sessions, or panels, should include the same information for each participant.

The deadline for the submission of proposals is 19 January 2009.

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Further particulars of the events organised to mark the bicentenary of the death of Matthew Boulton may be found on the following websites:

http://matthewboulton2009.org www.cbamh.bham.ac.uk www.becc.bham.ac.uk www.theassayoffice.co.uk