



## Handel Hendrix House

### A Souvenir Guide

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- Published to accompany restored and reopened Handel Hendrix House museum in Spring 2023
- This enjoyable book chronicles how this historic property in London shaped two very different musicians centuries apart
- Richly illustrated, with evocative contributions by musicians, artists and historians on the influence of Handel and Hendrix

This evocative souvenir traces the life and times of George Frideric Handel and Jimi Hendrix – two of the greatest musicians ever to have lived in London. Handel lived at 25 Brook Street from 1723 until his death in 1759. It was here that Handel composed his greatest works, including *Messiah* and its ever popular *Hallelujah* chorus. His stirring anthem *Zadok the Priest* was also written in Brook Street and has accompanied the coronation of every British monarch since George II. In 1968, Jimi Hendrix moved into an adjoining flat at number 23. Here, in the only place he said he felt truly at home, Hendrix entertained, inspired and collaborated with other icons of British 60s rock music.

Handel Hendrix House reopened in May 2023 following a £3million restoration, shedding new light on its famed residents, the great composer George Frideric Handel and rock legend Jimi Hendrix.

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