# HUGUENOT FESTIVAL







OCTOBER 2018



MONTH

HUGUENOT WONTH & PURE





Join us for Huguenot Month and celebrate the heritage and culture of the extraordinary Huguenots – French Protestants and the first group to be called refugees – who fled France between the 16th and 18th centuries.

Hear remarkable stories delivered by distinguished speakers in this rich and diverse festival.

Part of the City of London Corporation's 'Women: Work and Power' programme, a season of events across the City celebrating the achievements of women.

### **BOOKING & CONTACT INFORMATION**

For full details and to book tickets, visit www.huguenotsofspitalfields.org/walks-events

For more information please email: info@huguenotsofspitalfields.org

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# PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS JULY-SEPTEMBER



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### **The Courtauld Family**

Learn about one of the most celebrated Huguenot families in England with a talk from Dr Alexandra Gerstein. The Courtauld family worked as silversmiths before moving into the textiles business, inventing rayon and founding the Courtauld School of Art.

Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane EC2V 6BN

### **Evelyn De Morgan: Radical Artist**

(but not a Huguenot)

Tuesday Learn about the life and work of Evelyn De Morgan
4 Sept with Dr Richenda Roberts (lecturer in Art History at
2pm the University of Birmingham). She was one of the first
Free female artists to attend the Slade School of Art. Evelyn
was also a staunch campaigner for women's rights, and
an active suffragette.

Basinghall Suite, Guildhall Art Gallery, Guildhall Yard EC2V 5AE

### Sophia De Morgan: Spiritualist, Suffragist, and Founder of Bedford College

Tuesday Join Dr Lucy Ella Rose (lecturer in Victorian 11 Sept Literature at the University of Surrey) to learn more 2pm about pioneering women's rights campaigner Sophia Free De Morgan. An early supporter of women's education and suffrage, Sophia was dedicated to improving the conditions of workhouses, asylums and prisons.

Basinghall Suite, Guildhall Art Gallery, Guildhall Yard EC2V 5AE



### Spitalfields Sisters: The Work & Lives of Remarkable Women

Sunday Enjoy a stroll, with a qualified guide, around the 30 Sept historic streets of Spitalfields, highlighting where 12noon some truly impressive women lived and worked. Learn £10 about women such as celebrated silk designer Anna Maria Garthwaite, philanthropist Henrietta Barnett, renowned artist Tracey Emin, and their connection with Spitalfields.

Meet outside Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial Street E1 6LY

Also taking place on 9 October - 11am

9 October - 11am 25 October - 11am 20 October - 11am & 2pm 28 October - 12noon

### Was my Ancestor a Huguenot?

Monday Discover whether you have Huguenot ancestry with 1 Oct a talk from Dr Kathy Chater, author and genealogist.

2pm Huguenots were Protestants who fled from France,
FREE persecuted for their religion, and were what today we would call asylum seekers. You may already have a family story of how your ancestors were Huguenots.

How can you find out if your story is true? Staff from the London Metropolitan Archives will be on hand to help you piece together your family history.

London Metropolitan Archives, 40 Northampton Road EC1R OHB

### TEA & TALKS (1)

### Marie Durand: Prisoner of Faith in the Tour de Constance

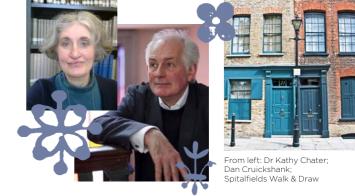
Tuesday Join Glynda Easterbrook to hear about Marie Durand's

2 Oct refusal to denounce the Protestant faith. At the age of

3pm 18 she was arrested and imprisoned for 38 years in the

£10 Tour de Constance in the French town of Aiguesincluding a Mortes. This talk draws on Huguenot Society Records
cup of tea to uncover details of her life, her faith and courage,
and cake and the impact she had on those around her during
her long period of incarceration.

Townhouse, 5 Fournier Street E1 6QE



### Jeanne d'Albret and the Game of Queens in 16C Europe

Tuesday In 16th-century Europe, where power and masculinity 2 Oct went hand-in-hand, Queens had to find different ways 6pm of wielding power. Jeanne d'Albret was a leading F7 Protestant in a mostly Catholic country and this lecture including with Professor Mark Greengrass explores her regnal a glass of arts in the context of the French Wars of Religion.

wine Guildhall Library, Aldermanbury EC2V 7HH

### Provence and the Cape: New Wines and Huguenot Influences

Wednesday Sample wines from Huguenot areas of France, as well 3 Oct as wines from the Cape Province of South Africa where 6pm some Huguenots settled. You will have the chance £20 to sample eight wines and accompanying cheeses with host Clifford Atkins in a historic 18th-century silkmerchant's house.

Townhouse 5 Fournier Street F16QF

### A 'fix't intention for Magnificence': The Cultural Patronage of Queen Mary II

Thursday Join acclaimed historian and author Dan Cruickshank 4 Oct to learn about this remarkable monarch. He argues that 2pm Queen Mary II is one of the most influential of Britain's £10 including cultural patrons, yet her significant contributions to a gin & tonic the artistic, intellectual and economic achievements of or non Britain's expanding empire are now mostly forgotten alcoholic or obscured.

beverage City of London

age City of London Gin Distillery, 22-24 Bride Lane EC4Y 8DT

### Spitalfields Walk & Draw

Saturday Whether you're a complete beginner or professional 6 Oct artist, take this opportunity to explore and draw

11am Spitalfields with art teacher Piero d'Angelo. Take

£5 inspiration from places where the Spitalfields Sisters lived and worked, such as Anna Maria Garthwaite's house. Materials provided.

Meet outside Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial Street E1 6LY



### TEA & TALKS (2)

### The journey of Marie de La Rochefoucauld and her children

Monday Learn about the daring escape to freedom of the 17th-8 Oct century Protestants Marie de La Rochefoucauld and 3pm her husband. After her husband was forced to change £10 his religion, Marie was determined to remove her family including a from France and seek refuge elsewhere. They left La cup of tea Rochelle in 1687, landed in England, and eventually and cake travelled on to Holland. This talk is with Sian Phillips and Elizabeth Randall (availability permitting).

Townhouse, 5 Fournier Street E1 6QE

### **Spitalfields Sisters Walk**

Tuesday (see p2 for details)

9 Oct

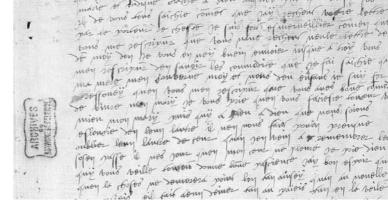
3pm Guided walk: meet outside Christ Church Spitalfields, £10 Commercial Street E1 6LY

### TEA & TALKS (3)

### The Marital Problems of London's Early **French Protestants**

Tuesday How do you say 'I do' when you don't understand the 9 Oct guestion? Language barriers were just one of the marital 3pm problems Huguenot women encountered in London. Join £10 Jonathan G. Ouvry as he reads from Huguenot expert including a Dr Robin Gwynn's paper that explores the records of the cup of tea French Protestant Church in London and their valuable and cake insights into marital problems and the position of women in 17th-century London.

Townhouse, 5 Fournier Street E16QE



### 'There's scarcely a day when my heart does not weep': The plight of Flemish and Walloon Women in the 1560s revealed in Letters to their Families in England

Wednesday Join Dr Alistair Duke for a moving glimpse into the 10 Oct heartbreaking challenges of separation, focusing 2pm on letters from women left behind in Flanders and FREE Wallonia when their Protestant menfolk sought refuge in England. These poignant letters demonstrate their literacy and reveal their tenacity as they confronted the difficulties of bringing up their families in an often hostile environment.

Guildhall Library, Aldermanbury EC2V 7HH

### In Conversation with Dr Tessa Murdoch. Dan Cruickshank and Julian Woodford: **Huguenots in Spitalfields**

Wednesday Join historian and TV presenter Dan Cruickshank, Dr 10 Oct Tessa Murdoch of the V&A Museum and author Julian 5.30pm Woodford for a stimulating discussion on Huguenots, FREE Spitalfields, weavers, wives and widows.

> Waterstone's Leadenhall. 1-3 Whittington Avenue EC3V 1PJ

### The Women of 18 Folgate Street

Thursday Go back in time and take a tour of Dennis Severs' 11 Oct House with Curator David Milne. Focusing on the 12noon & women of 18 Folgate Street, he will reveal a selection 2pm of previously unseen items from the collection. £25 Dennis Severs' House, 18 Folgate Street E1 6BX

### Portrait of a Woman in Silk: Spitalfields **Designer Anna Maria Garthwaite**

Thursday Learn about the enigmatic Anna Maria Garthwaite 11 Oct - one of early modern Britain's few woman silk 6.30pm designers. Enjoying many Huguenot clients, her £5 popular designs helped foster a craze for wearing botanical fashion in silk, not only in London but around the British Empire. With Dr Zara Anishanslin.

Hanbury Hall, 22 Hanbury Street E1 6QR



### TEA & TALKS (4)

### Candles, Claret and the Newest French Dances: the Ladies prepare for Queen Anne's Birthnight Ball

Friday To mark Queen Anne's birthday, a candlelit evening
12 Oct ball was held at St James's Palace, where the Queen's
3pm Maids of Honour danced fashionable dances imported
£10 from France with courtiers. How did the ladies prepare
including a for these celebrations? This talk, with Jennifer Thorp
cup of tea of New College Oxford, looks at what they wore, what
and cake they danced and how they learned the dances – many
of which have survived from the 18th century to today.

Townhouse, 5 Fournier Street E1 6QE

### Weavers, Wives and Widows: 90-minute walk

Saturday Join author Julian Woodford for a guided walk around 13 Oct Spitalfields and Bethnal Green. Visit the haunts of 2pm 18th-century weaver families and relive some of the £10 exploits of Joseph Merceron, the infamous Boss of Bethnal Green.

Meet outside Shoreditch High Street Station, Braithwaite Street F1 6G.J

### TEA & TALKS (5) The Writings of Harriet Martineau

Monday Be inspired with Georgette Vale of the Martineau
15 Oct Society as she delves into the writings of a truly
3pm remarkable woman, Harriet Martineau: journalist,
£10 abolitionist, novelist, political economist, educationalist,
including a pioneer sociologist and free thinker.

cup of tea
and cake

# Proper Devices for a Lady's Dress: Commissioning, Designing and Consuming Spitalfields Silks

Tuesday Learn how fashion met politics with Dr Olivia
16 Oct Horsefall Turner. Makers and consumers of Spitalfields
1.30pm silks were motivated by fashion, good design and even
£7, £6 conc. patriotism. This talk will explore the design process
for entry into behind these sumptuous silks and the aesthetics and
Dr Johnson's politics that were woven into them.

House Dr Johnson's House, 17 Gough Square EC4A 3DE

### Growing through Crisis: the Plague of 1665, the Great Fire, and the French Protestant Church of London

Wednesday The Great Plague and the Fire of London, vividly brought 17 Oct to life by the diarist Samuel Pepys, were shattering for 12.30pm the French Church of London in Threadneedle Street.
FREE This talk with Dr Tessa Murdoch of the V&A Museum, No booking uses Huguenot expert Dr Robin Gwynn's research to required explore how the church overcame these shocks so that, in just a few years, it was able to play a major part in welcoming the first Huguenot refugees from Louis XIV's France. Excerpts from Samuel Pepys' diary will be read

by Jeremy Booth - availability permitting.

Bank of England Museum, Bartholomew Lane EC2R 8AH

### **Les Huguenots Opera**

Wednesday Enjoy a film screening of the popular French opera Les
17 Oct Huguenots with Joan Sutherland in the role of Marguerite
7pm de Valois. Written by Meyerbeer, Les Huguenots explores
£5 love and conflict between Protestants and Huguenots,
which culminates with the St Bartholomew Day Massacre.

Introduced by renowned music critic Michael White.

Underground Cinema, The Water Poet, 9 Folgate Street E1 6BX

### The Women of 18 Folgate Street

Thursday (see p5 for details) 18 Oct 12noon & 2pm

£25

18 Oct Dennis Severs' House, 18 Folgate Street E1 6BX

### Harriet Martineau: A Woman Living Ahead of her Time

Thursday Stuart Hobday of the Martineau Society delves into the 18 Oct life and influence of Harriet Martineau, the 19th-century 6pm radical writer and campaigner, descended from French £7 Huguenots who settled in Norwich. She became including famous in 1830s London for writing about economics a glass of and politics, women's rights, and for championing wine better health and hospitals. This polymath is also regarded as a founder of Sociology.

Guildhall Library, Aldermanbury EC2V 7HH

# SKILLS OF THE HUGUFNOTS DAY

### SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Take almost any skill - bookbinding, weaving, clockmaking, silversmithing, ceramics, commerce, banking, military, science, maths, medicine, insurance, acting, cartography - and you'll find the legacy of the remarkable Huguenots. Louisa Perina Courtauld, Harriet Martineau and Jeanne d'Albret are just some of the Huguenot Heroes who laid the foundations for our society today.

Skills of the Huguenots Day celebrates and showcases contemporary interpretations of these talents. So, whatever age you are, drop in to Hanbury Hall and the Crypt at Christ Church to watch, listen, dance, and get involved in the numerous events celebrating the breadth and diversity of Huguenot heritage.

#### LOCATIONS

HANBURY HALL 22 Hanbury Street E16QR

CHRIST CHURCH CRYPT

Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial Street E1 6LY

#### TIME

11am - 4pm

#### **ENTRANCE**

£1 per person

#### **TALKS**

Tickets for the Talks in the Crypt at Christ Church cost £5

#### **PRE-BOOKING**

The workshops are free unless otherwise stated. Due to limited spaces pre-booking is essential.

Visit huguenotsofspitalfields.org/walks-events

Bring your E-ticket along with you for entry.



Hand & Lock



Christ Church Spitalfields

### **Goldwork Workshop: Hand & Lock**

£25 A unique opportunity to participate in a three-hour (Limited to workshop from Huguenot company Hand & Lock, 12 people) world-renowned gold embroiderers.

### London Guild of Weavers, **Spinners and Dyers**

Try your hand at spinning and weaving under the guidance of members from the London Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers. Admire (and perhaps buy) some of the work of these talented artisans.

### Is my surname Huguenot?

Fellows of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain will be on hand with their database of births, marriages and deaths

### Silhouettist Matyas Selmeczi

Sit for a silhouette portrait with this brilliant local artist.

### **Spitalfields Sisters Walk**

11am & 2pm (see p2 for details) £10

Guided walk: meet outside Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial Street E16LY





### TALKS

Held in the Crypt at Christ Church Spitalfields

### 'The Small Trades of Spitalfields' with the Gentle Author

E5 When the Huguenots arrived, Spitalfields was already established as an affordable location for artisan culture, permitting those with skills to produce high quality items for sale to wealthy customers in the City. The Gentle Author of Spitalfields Life traces the history of this cultural tradition and explores how it has shaped the identity of the place through the centuries.

### 'The Huguenots and the Revolution of 1688' with Professor Edward Vallance

E5 Discover how the Revolution of 1688 was perhaps not so 'glorious' after all. Until recently, the established interpretation of the revolution of 1688 was that it was 'glorious' in part because it was bloodless. New interpretations, however, have highlighted the degree to which political change in Britain and Ireland had to be achieved by military power: far from being peaceful, 1688 ushered in over a century of conflict between Britain and France, and transformed Britain's army and navy.

### 'Samuel Wilson: a London silk weaver's diary' with Kate Wigley

£5 From 1811 to 1825 the silk weaver Samuel Wilson kept a meticulous work diary of his hand-woven silk fabrics, his experiments with different yarns, dyes and finishes and his struggles to perfect the perfect woven silk. Kate Wigley from the School of Textiles offers a rare opportunity to discover more about this previously little-known gem.

### 'It is all in the detail' with Rosie Taylor-Davies

E5 Embroidery is interlaced with a range of other skills.

The 18th-century embroiderer used the services of many other skilled craftspeople to be able to work their magic on the sumptuous cloth available in England at this time.

Learn how to identify different hands, styles of the day, threads used as well as the popular stitch techniques.

This talk will provide a glimpse into the workers and practices associated with this prestigious trade.



# **WORKSHOPS**

Hanbury Hall

#### **Greatest Hits: Science Museum**

An explosive show for all ages, full of experiments that will make your jaw hit the floor.

### **Dance Workshop: 'Escape to Freedom'**

Join Corrie Lunghi, dance educationalist, and transport yourself back to a time when the Huguenots left their homeland to seek refuge in England. Explore the intense emotions they may have encountered in this interpretative dance workshop.

### Make your own Plant Dyes: Spitalfields City Farm

With the growing popularity of sumptuous fabric, dyeing was an important part of the process in the Spitalfields silk weaving trade. Learn more with Michelle Sinden.

### **Paper Making: Frogmore Paper Mill**

Huguenot brothers, the Fourdriniers, invented a papermaking machine and revolutionised the industry. Watch how it's done or roll up your sleeves and have a go yourself.

### Clockmaking

Do you want to know more about Big Ben? Come and hear Paul Roberson, Clockmaker at The Palace of Westminster, explain how clocks work.

### Be a Cartographer

Trace fascinating Huguenot migration patterns in this map workshop.

### **Wonderful Paper Weaving**

Learn the basics of weaving while creating your own woven paper mat.

### **Create a Huguenot Cross**

Explore the fusion of Huguenot faith and creativity in this art workshop.

### Be a 17th-century Fashion Designer

Unleash your creativity to design your own Huguenotinspired clothes and dress your very own paper doll.

#### **Maths on Toast**

Try your hand at various trades: from charting journeys on maps, to pattern designs and weaving, these hands-on workshops explore the importance of maths to the Huguenots. Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds.

#### **Bank of Chocolate**

As the Governor of the Bank of England, Huguenot Sir John Houblon worked with real money. Come learn the basics of finance and economy with Tim Kidd and chocolate!

### **Fifty Huguenot Heroes**

Huguenots are best known for weaving and silversmithing but their talents are far more diverse. Be amazed at fifty famous Huguenots whose legacy survives today.

### **Make a Historical Collage**

Have a go at making a portrait of a historical character with Agata Nowak.

### **Embroider a Tile**

Inspired by the Huguenot plaque outside Hanbury Hall, join Mary Spyrou in an embroidery workshop where you'll have the chance to embroider your own tile design.



Agata Nowak

### **Storytelling: The Portal Boys**

Listen to storyteller Lizzie Lewendon recount the adventurous, dangerous and courageous story of Henri and Guillaume Portal. Hold your breath as you hear of their escape by boat and safe arrival in Southampton. With the odds initially stacked against them, they ended up making a phenomenal contribution to their adopted country. They founded Portals Limited, a manufacturer of watermarked banknote paper for the Bank of England, considered the world's leading manufacturer of banknote paper until the mid-1990s.

### **Huguenot Military Stories**

Hear what life was like in the French army in the 18th century. Professor Edward Vallance will take you through all the details from the clothes they wore to the battles they fought.

### Say Bonjour to French

Learn snippets of the Huguenots' language with Monsieur Paul Baker.



# **ARTISANS**

Hanbury Hall

Come visit this collection of talented artisans, their skills inspired by those of the Huguenots, who will be displaying, demonstrating and selling their work.

### **Agata Nowak**

Agata is a textile artist who loves historical portraits. Her latest collection is inspired by the paintings of the Tudor Kings and Queens in the National Portrait Gallery in London. Trained at Central St Martin's art and design school, her artworks are hand-stitched, made from vintage and recycled silks, linens, wools and fur, embellished with beads, lace and hand embroidery.

### **Mary Spyrou**

Mary specialises in culturally diverse textiles such as felt making, tie-dye, batik, appliqué, embroidery, silk painting and natural dyeing. She has exhibited her work at the Barbican Arts Centre and RIBA, and has run workshops and talks at the V&A Museum, British Museum, Museum of Mankind, Geffrye Museum and MODA. Mary has taught at the London College of Fashion, Birkbeck & Goldsmiths, University of London, Chelsea School of Art, Central St Martin's and Middlesex University.

### **Jenny Duff**

Jenny Duff is a designer-maker of table mats and coasters, but is also a printmaker and stitcher. Of Huguenot descent, she is inspired by the designs of the famous silkweaver James Leman. She grows plants to create dyes for yarns and for printing special items of jewellery.

#### **Annwyn Dean**

Annwyn creates artists' books from original prints which are inspired by antique textiles. The books tell stories about the people who originally designed, made and wore them, and the journeys that the fragments of fabrics have made across the world. Annwyn will talk about her collection of textiles and there will be books, printing plates and fabrics to look at and to handle.



### **Roger Dennis**

Discover how an interest in the traditional craft of weaving turned a hobby into a business for Roger Dennis. He will demonstrate the materials and techniques used in making cane and rush chairs.

### **Zoe Angle**

Zoe is a professional stained glass artist who teaches, and runs her own studio. She designs and makes original stained glass for homes and places of worship. She specialises in glass painting and has worked on the Sikh temple in Southall and the restoration of the Baltic Exchange stained glass window, which is on display at the National Maritime Museum.

#### **Farah Qureshi**

Farah designs and makes jewellery in silver and gold, using mainly recycled materials. She is inspired by botanical gardens, travels abroad, Asian cultures, fine art and fashion. Her jewellery ranges from delicate and timeless to bold and glamorous. You will be able to buy and commission jewellery made from ethical silver.

#### **Louise Goult**

Louise is inspired by people, relationships and memories. She uses naturally dyed fabrics, recycled material and vintage threads to transport us back through time to when they were first used.



### **Photographing Spitalfields**

Sunday Bring your camera and discover hidden Spitalfields.

21 Oct Join local photographer Jeremy Freedman to weave

11am through the streets and back alleys of Spitalfields

£10 to photograph different areas where the Spitalfields

Sisters lived and worked.

Meet outside Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial Street E1 6LY

#### Concert

Monday The magnificent antique organ, created by leading 22 Oct organ builder Richard Bridge, was installed at Christ 12noon Church in 1735. Come and enjoy organist David Bird FREE playing music contemporary to the era.

Followed by:

### Resistance of Conformity: The Dilemma for Huguenots in late Stuart England

1.10pm Join Revd. Chris Moody, Vicar at St. Alfege Greenwich, FREE to uncover the difficulties facing the Huguenots living in England. Huguenots were welcomed by Anglicans as persecuted Protestants and martyrs but were distrusted as non-conformists. The Huguenot dilemma was how to assert their own strong religious and cultural identity and loyalty to their church, whilst forging a path as newcomers in English society, commerce and culture.

Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial Street E1 6LY

### Princelet Street: From Garret to Kitchen - Living in the Georgian Home

Monday Explore a Georgian household in Spitalfields with Dr 22 Oct Sara Pennell. Eavesdrop on those living and working in 2pm the kitchen, parlour, bed chamber and garret; from the £10 maid servant waking before dawn to prepare the fires, to the last shuttering and locking up against thieves.

13 Princelet Street, Spitalfields E1 6QH (Landmark Trust)

### Fournier Street Kitchen: Back in Time for Dinner, Georgian-Style

Tuesday Join Dr Sara Pennell, University of Greenwich, to 23 Oct discover how Georgian Londoners dined. Get an 6pm insight into how food lies at the heart of a complex £20 network of trade, commerce and cultural influences. including This talk will take a tour of a Georgian kitchen and oxtail soup dining table to explore the food on the table and and mash uncover what it took to get it there.

Food prepared by St John's Bread and Wine.

Meet outside Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial Street E1 6LY

### **Spitalfields Sisters Walk**

Thursday (see p2 for details) 25 Oct

11am Guided walk: meet outside Christ Church Spitalfields,

£10 Commercial Street E1 6LY

### **Portraits of Huguenot Women**

Thursday Discover the life stories behind the portraits and creations 25 Oct of some extraordinary and inspiring Huguenot women.

2pm They include an early agitator for women's rights, talented silk weavers, successful businesswomen and £5 plus the wife of a notorious fraudster. With Dr Kathy Chater booking introduced by Dr Dinah Winch of the Huguenot fee Museum, Rochester.

Basinghall Suite, Guildhall Art Gallery, Guildhall Yard FC2V 5AF

### **Spitalfields Sisters Walk**

Sunday (see p2 for details)

28 Oct

12noon Guided walk: meet outside Christ Church Spitalfields,

£10 Commercial Street E1 6LY

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