

## Press Statement

The V&A has agreed to make significant loans from its musical instrument collection to the Horniman Museum. This would complement the Horniman's designated musical instrument collections (which include the Boosey and Hawkes collection) which provide an illuminating historical context to the V&A instruments.

MLA has awarded the Horniman a grant from its Designation Development Fund of £65,000. This will enable the display of instruments from the V&A collection, making them more accessible to the public and researchers, and further enhancing the Horniman's reputation as a centre of excellence for the collection and interpretation of musical instruments.

The final details of what the Horniman will display, likely to be in the region of 40 instruments are subject to further research, and final agreement with the V&A. In the longer term, the Horniman intends to work with the V&A to display items from its collection on a rotational basis.

The Horniman is open seven days a week and has dedicated specialist staff able to research, interpret and display musical instruments, as well as a conservation department equipped to ensure the due care of any instruments on loan. It is therefore well placed to ensure that key items from the V&A collection can remain on public display.