

Live Demonstration of the Restoration of a Georgian Secrétaire Tallboy (c. 1760 – 1770) by Daly Antique Services

This year at the 44th Irish Antique Dealers Association Fair, Ireland's leading antique restorers *Daly Antique Services* are demonstrating a live restoration project of a dilapidated mahogany Georgian secrétaire tallboy (c. 1760 – '70)

Over the 4 days of the fair, visitors can see the staged restoration of the tallboy to its former glory with skills in all aspects of cabinet making and French polishing showcased. Daly Antique Services are seeking to demonstrate that there has never been a better or more apt time for antique owners to look after and maintain their antiques, which function as beautiful additions to any home. The 250 year old Secrétaire Tallboy has already stood the test of time, but with some care and attention it can be returned to the earlier splendour of the day it was made in 1700's and, as a result, could withstand another further 250 years.

An antique furniture piece may be a priceless asset; however, given its age and condition, it may also be damaged, broken, or simply not in a suitable condition to function for the purpose it was designed for. It is in our interest to look after these items, as the beauty of antique furniture is that it has lasted generations and this is proof and testimony to the cabinetmakers of the period. The cabinetmaking, workmanship and materials used in these items of furniture are of a superior quality and, in many cases, are extinct or protected specimens.



As Ireland's leading restoration specialists, Daly Antique Services cover all aspects of antiques restoration – from consultation through to completion – for all private, historic and commercial clients throughout Ireland. Fintan Daly established Daly Antique Services in August 2002, with Fergal Grogan joining him business in March 2003; and since establishment the company has continued to go from strength to strength. Together, Fintan and Fergal have 45 years combined antiques restoration and trade experience, as well as being fully qualified cabinet-makers.

“Our proven expertise, attention to detail and unrivalled skill base allow us to provide a quality service to our clients, whatever their chosen period and style of furniture”, says Grogan. Daly and Grogan pride themselves in providing a full restoration service to clients – a ‘one stop shop’, so to speak. Current services provided include cabinetmaking – encompassing carving, wood turning, marquetry, inlay, and fretwork; upholstery services in leather or fabric; gilding and Chinese lacquering of many

surfaces together with detailed painting on wood; French polishing and staining; brass cleaning, polishing and repair; and leather tooling.

From bookcases to bureaux, chests to chairs, dining tables to davenport, and sideboards to sofa tables, Daly Antique Services are entrusted with some of Ireland's most prestigious antiques. According to Daly, “There is nothing more satisfying than the look on a clients face when we return an item of furniture, restored to its former glory. In many cases we have collected the item from a cold damp shed in a dysfunctional, damaged and dilapidated condition – but once restored and revitalised the item is returned to the best room in the client's house and given pride of place”.

Daly Antique Services are exhibiting on Stand 22 at the IADA fair in the RDS on 23rd - 27th September. Scheduled live demonstration of the Georgian secrétaire tallboy along with other cabinet-making skills demonstrations.
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