

Edinburgh's King's Theatre celebrates 'cultural legacy' with online archive

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Launch of the King's Theatre's Peoples Archive. Photo: Greg Macvean

Edinburgh's King's Theatre's "rich history and cultural legacy" is being celebrated in a new online exhibition.

[The People's Archive](#) is a digital collection of programmes, playbills, photos, newspaper clippings and oral histories exploring the Scottish venue's 119-year history.

It has been created by venue operator Capital Theatres to run in conjunction with a major £40 million [redevelopment of the King's Theatre](#), set to be completed next year.

The archive, which is available for free on the Capital Theatres website, features more information on the ["message-in-a-bottle"](#) that was discovered during works at the theatre last year.

The message, which was hidden behind a decorative crown on the theatre's proscenium arch, dated to 1906 and listed the names of architects and craftsmen involved in the construction of the venue.

Abby Pendlebury, Capital Theatres' heritage engagement manager, said: "All the memorabilia and catalogued items in our collection tell a story, and we are delighted to be able to share these with everyone."