



The People's Archive

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The following list is the catalogue for current items housed at The Edinburgh City Archives.

Accession Number: KTA			
Title: Records of the King's Theatre			
Box/Ref. No.	Covering dates	Title	Description
KTA/1	1956 - 1991	The Nan Cochrane Collection and Ros Lawson Collection including folders containing photographs, programmes and invitations	Three folders containing various signed photographs of actors, headshots/publicity photographs, programmes and invitations to theatre events. 268 items
KTAD/1	1930 - 1955	The Laurie Brown Collection	The Laurie Brown Collection containing photographs, contracts, correspondence, programmes, press cuttings and advertisements. 46 items
KTA/2	1915 - 2007	The King's Theatre 100th Anniversary Collection, programmes and posters	Six folders containing various programmes for performances at the King's Theatre, posters and the King's Theatre 100th Anniversary Collection. 157 items
KTA/3	1939 - 2015	Photos of performances at the King's Theatre	Folder containing various photos of performances at the King's Theatre. 53 items
KTA/4	1955 - 1997	Various programmes for shows at the King's Theatre	Five bundles of programmes for shows at the King's Theatre. 70 items
KTA/5	1998 - 2002	Various programmes for shows at the King's Theatre	Five bundles of programmes for shows at the King's Theatre. 71 items
KTA/6	2003 - 2008	Various programmes for shows at the King's Theatre	Six bundles of programmes for shows at the King's Theatre. 60 items

KTA/7	2009 - 2013	Various programmes for shows at the King's Theatre	Four bundles of programmes for shows at the King's Theatre. 44 items
KTA/8	2014	Various programmes for shows at the King's Theatre	One bundle of programmes for shows at the King's Theatre. 24 items
KTA/9	2015 - 2016	Various programmes for shows at the King's Theatre	Two bundles of programmes for shows at the King's Theatre. 39 items
KTA/10	2017 - 2018	Various programmes for shows at the King's Theatre	Two bundles of programmes for shows at the King's Theatre. 40 items
KTA/11	2019 - 2020	Various programmes for shows at the King's Theatre	Two bundles of programmes for shows at the King's Theatre. 24 items
KTA/12	1948 - 1958	Stage staff record book	Large hardbound book which contains the working hours of stage staff. 1 item
KTA/13	1981 - 1988	Stage staff record book	Large hardbound book which contains the working hours of stage staff. 1 item
KTA/14	1927 - 1980	Index book of stock and staff notes	Hardbound index book with lists of stock and where to find it in the stores. Also various loose items found throughout the book such as photo, letters and notes. Part of the Ian Gillespie Collection. 24 items
KTA/15	June 1952 - February 1955	House Drawings Book	Large hardbound book which contains the money the theatre made per production. Part of the Ian Gillespie Collection. 1 item
KTA/16	August 1956 - July 1961	Howard & Wyndham Ltd stage staff record book	Large hardbound book which contains the working hours of stage staff. Part of the Ian Gillespie Collection. 1 item

KTA/17	July 1961 - May 1967	Howard & Wyndham Ltd stage staff record book	Large hardbound book which contains the working hours of stage staff. Part of the Ian Gillespie Collection. 1 item
KTA/18	April 1967 - May 1974	Howard & Wyndham Ltd stage staff record book	Large hardbound book which contains the working hours of stage staff. Part of the Ian Gillespie Collection. 1 item
KTA/19	May 1974 - September 1979	Howard & Wyndham Ltd stage staff record book and poster/leaflet	Large hardbound book which contains the working hours of stage staff and small poster/leaflet. Part of the Ian Gillespie Collection. 2 items
KTA/20	May 1979 - March 1981	Howard & Wyndham Ltd stage staff record book	Large hardbound book which contains the working hours of stage staff. Part of the Ian Gillespie Collection. 1 item
KTA/21	1868 - 2011	Various programmes, letters and photos relating to the King's Theatre and The Sheila Palmer Collection	Various ephemera relating to the King's Theatre including programmes, photos, tickets and correspondence. Also contains the Sheila Palmer Collection. 106 items
KTA/22	1956-1995	Sound recorded taped performances of pantomimes	Sound recorded tape (4 Maxell 35-108B recording tape & 3 Ampex 456 recording tape)
KTA/23	1936-1984	Newspapers from The Bulletin in 1936 to The Scotsman 1984 with Panto advertisements (14 items)	Newspapers from The Bulletin in 1937 to The Scotsman 1984 across various dates showing KT Panto advertisements. Not all items have KT or ET/FT connections. 2 folders, KTA 23/1 is the bulletin from 1937, KTA 23/2 is all from The Scotsman 1984. 14 total items
KTA/24	1950s-1987	Assorted items found behind the dress circle during 2023 renovations	Posters, coasters, thank you cards, scratch notes, and information about drink orders at the dress circle bar. Items are collected thanks to their context being found during the 2023 renovations behind the dress circle.
KTA/25	1960s-2004	assorted programmes, poster, scripts, and hanging plots/inventory donated by Iain Gillespie	staff books, panto script, programmes and flyers, and three panto hanging plots, scenery, and inventory booklets
KTA/26	1983-2022	assorted panto flyers and cast photos.	some signed flyers, and assorted programmes at the King's and Festival Theatres

KTA/27	1961-2016	blue binder full of pantomime cast and press photos	blue binder full of pantomime cast and press photos
KTA/28	1917-2022	Ian Gillespie donated collection	collection of EIF playbills, panto programmes, newspaper photocopies
KTA/29	1910s-1999	Historic items found during renovation and King's Club events	There are 2 sections. KTA/29/1 are a few items found during renovations including ticket stubs. KTA/29/2 includes King's Club event notices, cards, postcards, and photographs are in the red binder along with a VHS tape of the 1999 Gang Show.
KTA/30	1975-2008	Ian Gillespie donated panto materials	all items donated by Iain Gillespie including scripts, set books, and programmes, 2 folders
KTA/31	1982-2022	collection of magazines, programmes, and brochures	collection of programmes, brochures, magazines from assorted shows that was found on theatre premises. Staff accumulated this over time and these materials were kept in various spaces in the theatre. A large amount is from the Edinburgh International Festival
KTA/32	1963-2009	props and uniform elements	Howard and Wyndham commissioners' hat and 5 pairs of gloves and feathered boa along with headshots. laminated flyers and panto photos
KTA/33	1960-1964	1960s promotional posters	a collection of assorted 1960's King's posters
KTA/34	1942-2018	donated items	King's photographs, prints, and Evening News playbills and promotions, 2 programmes donated by Morag Mulligan
KTA/35	2010s	banners	save the King's and Festival Theatre banners
KTA/36	1916-2003	donated brochures from Bob Bain & Eleanor Bain, Bain Collection	donated panto archives and variety programmes and brochures from the late Secretary of Scottish Music Hall Society, current chairman SMHS Derek Green

KTA/37	1993-1998	Brochures and Programmes	collections of Brochures and Programmes for King's seasons from 1993-1998
KTA/38	1977-2013	Lighting Plots	King's and Festival Theatre Lighting Plots from Pantos and other assorted shows
KTA/39	1920s-2000s	assorted items collected during decant and stored in the Office	Assorted objects including brass ash trays, marble slabs, gum packets, dancers' matts, and more collected by Capital Theatre Staff during decant 2023
KTA/40	1900-1970s	Assorted items found during decant	Items including photo negatives from 1900-1911, two reels, and B/w photographs of sets, Edinburgh landscapes, headshots, and people. It is unclear their origin and unclear if this directly relates to the King's Theatre
KTA/41	1963-1994	Assorted flyers, posters, and marketing materials from the King's found in the upper floor storage at the Festival Theatre	Programmes from 1963 and most show programmes from the 1980s and 1990s
KTA/42		Programmes donated by Friends of the King's Theatre	Assorted programmes and notes donated by Friends of the King's including Brenda Rennie, Iain Gillespie, and NAME
KTA/43	1970-1980s	Olive McMillen Collection	Olive McMillen Collection- digitised and returned, 3 folders and 1 video performance
KTA/44		photographs, programmes, and assorted marketing materials previously displayed on the walls of the King's Theatre	Previous interpretation objects, framed photographs, and info boards (25 framed and info boards)
KTA/45	2022-2024	Contemporary King's Collections	Marketing materials including programmes and flyers from performances at the King's in 2022
KTA/46	2024	Tollcross Engagements with the King's	drawings and postcards as well as images from community events with organisations like Tollcross Primary during refurbishment in 2024

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