



The People's Archive

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This list summarises what is contained in each box now housed at The Edinburgh City Archives.

ECA Box Listing Template for the King's Theatre Heritage Project					
Accession Number: KTA					
Title: Records of the King's Theatre					
Box/Ref. No.		Covering dates	Title	Description	Access
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	Digitised
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	Digitised
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	Digitised
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	Digitised
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	Digitised
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	Digitised
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	Digitised

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	Digitised
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	Physical Only
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	Physical Only
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	Physical Only
KTA/12		1948 - 1958	Stage staff record book	Large hardbound book which contains the working hours of stage staff. 1 item	Physical Only
KTA/13		1981 - 1988	Stage staff record book	Large hardbound book which contains the working hours of stage staff. 1 item	Physical Only
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	Physical Only
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	Physical Only
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	Physical Only
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	Physical Only
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	Physical Only

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	Physical Only
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	Physical Only
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	Mix
KTA/22		1956-1995	Sound recorded taped performances of pantomimes	Sound recorded tape (4 Maxell 35-108B recording tape & 3 Ampex 456 recording tape)	Digital and Physical Copies
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	Physical Only
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 together thanks to their context being found during the 2023 renovations behind the dress circle.	Mix
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	Mix
KTA/26		1983-2022	assorted panto flyers and cast photos.	some signed flyers, and assorted programmes at the King's and Festival Theatres	Physical Only

KTA/27		1961-2016	blue binder full of pantomime cast and press photos	blue binder full of pantomime cast and press photos	Mix
KTA/28		1917-2022	Ian Gillespie donated collection	collection of EIF playbills, panto programmes, newspaper photocopies	Mix
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.	Physical Only
KTA/30		1975-2008	Ian Gillespie donated programmes and assorted books	all items donated by Iain Gillespie including scripts, set books, and programmes, 2 folders	Physical Only
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	Physical Only
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	Physical Only
KTA/33		1960-1964	1960s promotional posters	a collection of assorted 1960's King's posters	Digital and Physical Copies
KTA/34		1942-2018	donated items	King's photographs, prints, and Evening News playbills and promotions, 2 programmes donated by Morag Mulligan	Mix
KTA/35		2010s	banners	save the King's and Festival Theatre banners	Physical Only

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	Mix
KTA/37		1993-1998	Brochures and Programmes	collections of Brochures and Programmes for King's seasons from 1993-1998	Physical Only
KTA/38		1977-2013	Lighting Plots	King's and Festival Theatre Lighting Plots from Pantos and other assorted shows	Physical Only
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	Items remaining in theatre
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	Mix
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 a majority of show programmes from the 1980s and 1990s	Mix
KTA/42		1916-2022	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	Mix
KTA/43		1970-1980s	Olive McMillen Collection	Olive McMillen Collection- digitised and returned, 3 folders and 1 video performance	Digital Only
KTA/44		1906-2014	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)	Items remaining in theatre

KTA/45		2022-2024	Contemporary King's Collections	Marketing materials including programmes and flyers from performances at the King's in 2022	Physical Only
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	Digital Only
KTA/47		1950s-Present	Donation of Amateur Production Programmes by Fiona MacFarlane		Not Currently Available
KTA/48		2012	John Byrne Exhibition labels and displays	assorted materials from the John Byrne display exhibition	Physical Only
KTA/49				Cancer Research Donations	Not Currently Available
KTA/50		1906-2006	Centenary Souvenirs and Assorted Items	Centenary Souvenirs and Assorted Items including calendars, cards, invitations, and photographs	Physical Only
KTA/51		1970s-2010s	Audio Archive	Catalogued recordings from the King's provided by the King's Theatre Tech Team	Not Currently Digitised
KTA/52		1940s	The Mary Rose Collection	Collection of headshots, Howard & Wyndham Contracts, and newspaper clippings including those of Mary Rose (Jane Gillespie's mother).	Digitised
KTA/53		1926-1940s	Assorted Donated Materials 2025	Collection of donations from Fiona Coutts, Valerie Moar and Margaret Heeps including programmes and promotional booklets	Digitised
KTA/54		1938-1959	Assorted programmes featuring the Edinburgh International Festival	Donated by the Edinburgh International Festival including early King's programmes predating the festival	Mix
KTA/55		1931-1946	Assorted 1940s programmes donated by Avril Campbell	Items donated by Avril Campbell	Digitised

KTA/56		1870s-1960s	Assorted digitised donation materials about A Thomas Middleton, who worked on a number of Cruikshank building projects and possibly the construction of The King's. This collection shows business records, photographs, contracts, letters, and more.	Items donated by Val Davidson	Digitised
KTA/57		1933-1999	Assorted digital donations from Annette McCann relating to Musical Director Patrick McCann at the King's	Annette McCann Digital Collection	Digitised
KTA/58		1928-1943	Digital collection of autograph book, newspaper clippings, and photographs of Dori, a dancer in the panto and variety shows in the 1930s and early 1940s, donated by her daughter Vanessa Rawlings-Jackson	Vanessa Rawlings-Jackson Collection	Digitised
KTA/59		1947-1996	The Elizabeth Galloway Collection	Assorted programmes from the King's theatre donated by Jill Galloway	Digitised
KTA/60		1970-2004	Iain Gillespie Donation Autumn 2025	Assorted programmes in 3 total folders based on donation date. One folder to be catalogued and digitised	Mix
KTA/61		2025	Newspapers found on site and those marking the message in a bottle		Digital and Physical Copies
KTA/62			Lucy MacDonald Collection	Jubilee programmes and a series of photocopies - autographs, stage photos, etc...	Not Currently Available

KTA/63		1930-1985	Assorted donations from, Frederick Landels (digital only), and Julia Mitchell and Murray Bald	collection of programmes, playbills, a digitised Boys Brigade Jubilee book from 1986, newspaper clippings and Murray Bald Gang Show digital donation	Mix
KTA/64		1973-1984	Assorted donations from Rhona Cleland.		Digitised