

Time capsule unearthed in Scottish theatre

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The contents of a historic time capsule found in the refurbishment of an Edinburgh theatre have been recovered – after 119 years.

The glass bottle was discov-

ered by theatre photographer and historian Mike Hume at the King's Theatre during the ongoing redevelopment.

Hidden inside the plaster crown at the centre of the proscenium arch, it was dated to October 1906, just two months before the King's first opened its doors. The bottle contained

a list of contractors, architects and craftsmen who worked on its construction.

The bottle and the note inside will now be included in The People's Archive – a digital platform offering access to programmes, photographs, playbills, press articles and oral histories of the theatre.