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Launched by Capital Theatres, the redevelopment project will preserve and revitalise King's Theatre, whilst retaining the majesty of the original building.

Originally opened in 1906, the King's Theatre is one the last remaining Grade A listed theatres in the UK to undergo major redevelopment. The King's welcomes over 200,000 visitors every year and is a stand out venue for touring drama, musicals and children's shows. The theatre also plays a pivotal role in hosting the annual Edinburgh International Festival.



The project will cost in the region of £25m, with funds already in place from Capital Theatre and the City of Edinburgh Council. The remaining funds will be sourced from a fundraising campaign, applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund, and other grant making trusts.

Designs for the theatre were recently unveiled by architects Bennetts Associates, who highlight the overhaul of the interior and exterior of the building, making optimum use of space available within the original theatre. There will also be scope to create additional front of house space including a roof terrace, with a view across the city centre skyline.





Ken Munro, Gleeds Director in Edinburgh said: "Gleeds is proud to be part of the team responsible for redeveloping this landmark building. Edinburgh has long been a home for art and culture and preserving a building of such historical importance will help to ensure this for generations to come."

Duncan Hendry, Chief Executive of Capital Theatres said: "The King's Theatre holds a special place in the hearts of many people from Edinburgh and further afield. The King's really is 'Everyone's Theatre' and throughout this exciting redevelopment project we hope people will help us secure the future of their theatre. In early 2019 we will provide ways in which people can engage with, give opinion and support the project."

For more information about the King's Theatre redevelopment and how you can support the fundraising campaign, please go to http://www.capitaltheatres.com/support.

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