

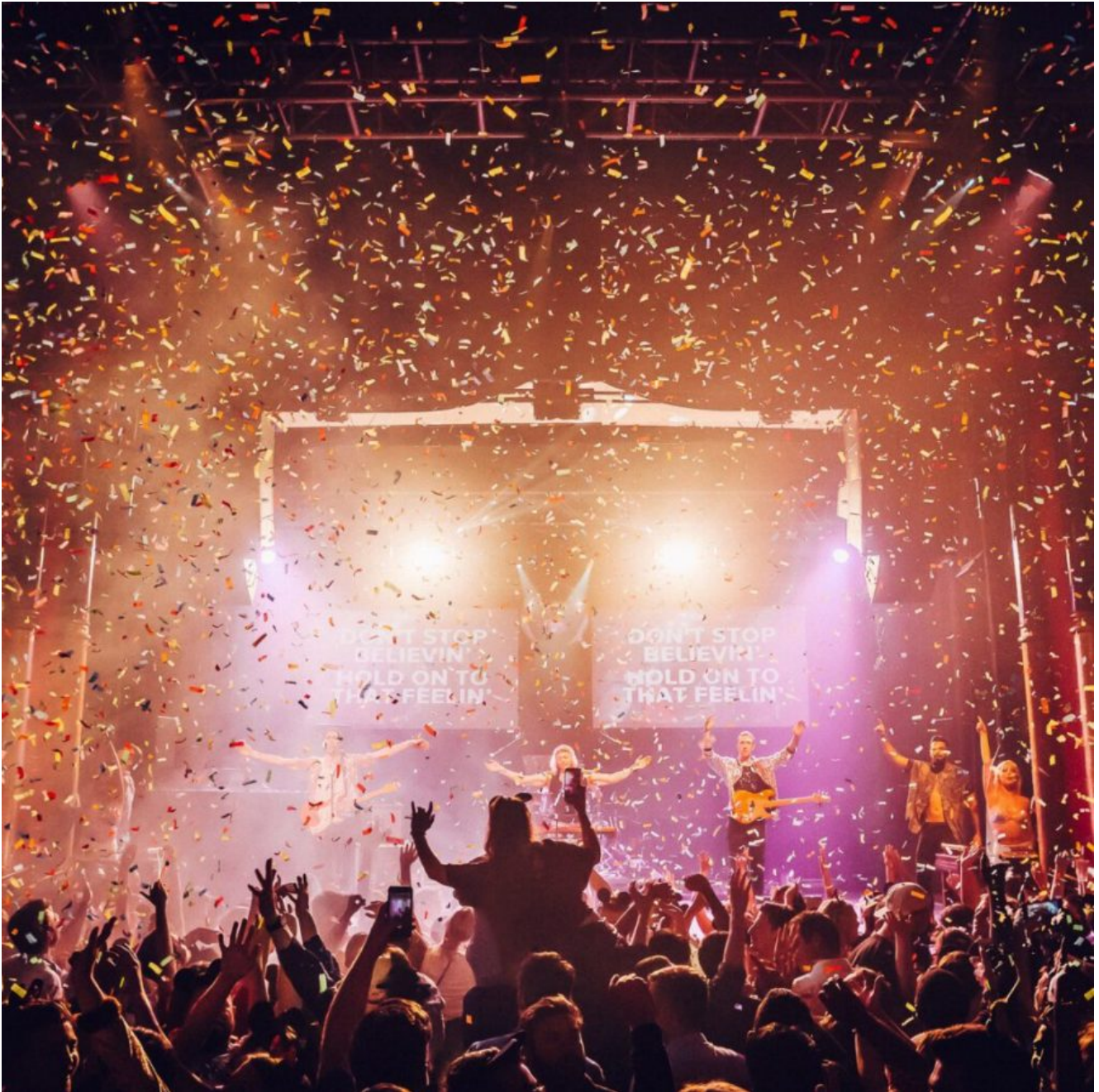
Five things you need to know today

Boxing Day – we hope you had a peaceful Christmas Day doing what you liked best. Today is traditionally a day for leftovers and big walks. Perhaps go out early as it may rain in the middle of the afternoon.

Looking ahead to New Year

A special Bairns New Year Revels at Assembly Rooms allows young party-goers a chance to join the Hogmanay celebrations, a family-friendly edition from festival favourites Massaoke providing a live band sing-a-long soundtrack of kids' favourite party tunes. With live music and dancing, with kids birlin' off energy to the Edinburgh's Hogmanay ceilidh band, live DJ, and more.

[More details of tickets here.](#)



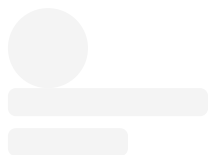
Kite flying event in February

The Edinburgh Children's Festival is organising a kite flying event on Portobello Beach in February in solidarity with the children of Gaza.

In 2011 children in Gaza flew a record 12,350 kites simultaneously on Al-Waha Beach in a symbol of resilience.

Meet on 2 February 2024 on Portobello Beach in front of Straiton Place Park at the foot of Marlborough Street. Bring a

kite to fly as a symbol of hope for the future. If you don't have a kite and need to know how to make one then [follow this link here.](#)



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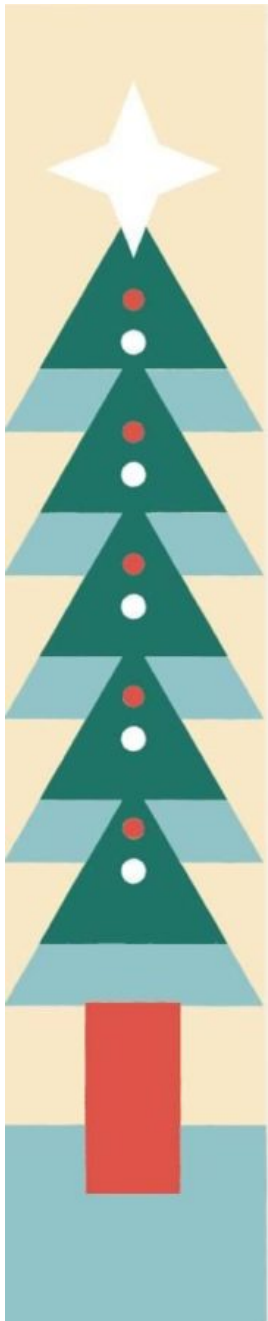
The panto is almost at the end of its 2023 run, but it is not too early to buy tickets for Cinderella next year which will again take place at the Festival Theatre as the King's is still being refurbished – and now with a more assured future thanks to £2 million from the UK Government just announced.

<https://twitter.com/captheatres/status/1737518354527645734>

Fresh Start opening hours

If you or someone you know needs help from charity Fresh Start then their festive opening hours are on the poster below.

“Fresh Start help people who have experienced homelessness set up their new home through the provision of goods and services. We work to end the cycle of homelessness and for a better life for those living in poverty.”



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Hooked on panto

Peter Pan tale gives Allan Stewart the chance to dress like a dame for the 25th year

By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

IT IS ALL about swashbuckling adventure and high flying at the Festival Theatre where the

Pantomime Adventures of Peter Pan will play until Hogmanay.

The boy who never ages appears in a new telling of an old tale complete with special effects,

stunning sets, colourful costumes and a lot of laughs and fun.

The trip to Neverland is one which will enchant audiences of all ages with the usual double

entendres sprinkled throughout the script. The cast includes Allan Stewart appearing in his 25th panto as the dame Mrs Smea, Grant Stott as the big bad Hibs loving Captain

Hook and Jordan Young as Smea with the returning Clare Gray and Britain's Got Talent finalists Flawless as the Pirate Crew.

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