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Music halls speaker entertains Paisley & District U3A

Not many people know that Glasgow has the world's oldest surviving music hall, the Britannia Panopticon situated at the Trongate. However, if you come to Paisley & District U3A you can hear all about an exciting project to restore this unique building at their next monthly meeting on Thursday 4 October at 2pm. Guest speaker Judith Bowers will share the history of the Britannia Panopticon and mention some of the famous entertainers who appeared there such as the comic actor Stan Laurel, who made his debut, aged 16, on this music hall stage.

U3A chair Kathleen O'Donnell said: "People still love to go out and see a show. In its heyday, Glasgow's popular music hall tradition drew huge audiences. Some fans lived nearby but others would travel miles to the city from neighbouring towns like Paisley and surrounding districts just to watch their favourite acts performing live. In what promises to be a fascinating presentation, Judith Bowers will regale us with tales about the world famous Britannia Panopticon and current plans for its restoration. Anyone who is semi or fully retired can attend and enjoy some light refreshments from 1.30pm before her talk starts. Information about our various groups and activities will also be available. Details of the venue will be posted very soon on the U3A website."

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