

Local children star in Cinderella at The Brunton

More than 20 young people from across East Lothian will feature in Cinderella at The Brunton this Christmas.

They were picked from 100 who auditioned for the in-house show, written especially for the theatre by award-winning John Binnie.

His script for last year's pantomime of Jack and The Beanstalk was well-received and John also directs this family-friendly twist on the traditional tale.

Musical director Tommie Travers, choreographer Rhian Monro and Robin Mitchell, the set and costume designer, also return.

Students in their BA (Hons) Costume Design and Construction degree course at Queen Margaret University have made the costumes.

On stage, Eilidh Weir is returning for a fourth year and plays Cinderella. Graham Crammond is one of the Ugly Sisters, Ross Donnachie is Buttons, Wendy Seager is the Wicked Stepmother and Estrid Barton will play Fairy Godmother.

Andrew Dyer, the other Ugly Sister and Lewis Lauder, who plays the Prince, make their Brunton pantomime debuts.

Theatre bosses say the show is suitable for all the family from ages four to 104 and it runs from Tuesday, November 26 until Saturday, January 4. Tickets are available from The Brunton on 0131 665 2240 or www.thebrunton.co.uk