

Brunton panto staged in two venues

Brunton Theatre Trust are collaborating with critically-acclaimed Wonder Fools theatre company to present a new pantomime set in East Lothian and it will be staged in two venues.

From Wednesday 4 December to Saturday 14 December the location is the Corn Exchange, Haddington, and from Tuesday 17 December to Saturday 4 January the show is in Loretto Theatre, Musselburgh.

The title is A Christmas Carol and the festive show has comedy, songs, and lots of joining in.

The pre-panto blurb said: "Meet Scrooge, Musselburgh's grumpiest miser and proud owner of Scrooge's Speedy Cash, who's in for a rude awakening when three mischievous ghosts turn up to ruin her silent night.

"With belly laughs, feel-good festive songs, and a hearty dose of Scottish panto spirit, this isn't just any Christmas tale, it's a full-blown panto party that will leave you shouting "Bah humbug!" all the way home.

Schools' performances, matinees and evening shows are available and the team includes Graham Crammond, the much-loved panto dame who has delighted Brunton panto audiences for many years with his wit and charm.

He plays Scrooge and the remainder of the cast is Michael Dylan (who plays Fred), Robbie Gordon (Tiny Tim), Laura Lovemore (Ghost of Christmas Present), Rebekah Lumsden (Ms Cratchitt), Chloe-Ann Tylor (McGuffin).

The co-artistic directors, Robbie Gordon and Jack Nurse, have created the show fresh from winning Best Debut at the Edinburgh Festival from the Skinny and Fest Magazine's Bestie Awards.

Amy Robinson, The Brunton's Dance and Drama Officer, is the panto's choreographer and the professional cast are supported by a chorus of 22 talented young performers from East Lothian.

Tickets for *A Christmas Carol* can be bought 24 hours a day, online at www.thebrunton.co.uk or on 0131 653 5245 from Monday to Friday, 11am to 3pm.

FLASHBACK: A picture from a previous Brunton panto