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HARRY SEEKS A SIMON

HARRY HILL has revealed his X Factor musical should open in spring 2014 – and he's currently searching for someone short enough to play Simon Cowell.

The TV Burp funnyman is writing a musical based on the ITV1 talent show.

And he spoke about how work is going on the project on This Morning.

He said: "I think it's going to open in spring 2014, we're hoping."

"It's all about getting in a theatre and getting the whole show in shape."

"But we've been doing a lot of work on it – we've got a script and we did some workshops just last week, funnily enough, with all these great, really funny songs."

Wedgie

When host Ruth Langford asked if he was working with Simon himself, Harry replied: "I had to go and pitch it to Simon Cowell, which was interesting because it's not entirely flattering."

"We discover, for instance, why he wears his belt so high up."

"Did you know the real reason? When he was a child, he was a victim of bullies who used to give him a wedgie the whole time, so he found the only way to avoid the wedgie was to have the high trousers."

Co-host Eamonn Holmes asked: "Your dilemma is, who will play him though?"

Harry joked: "Are you putting yourself forward?" then added: "I think it's got to be someone of a small stature, but someone with a great voice. We do need a big star."



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WHO'S THAT GIRL?

JENNA-LOUISE COLEMAN has promised to bring a "feisty" edge to her role as the new companion in Doctor Who. The actress, who will appear with Matt Smith and Richard E Grant, left, in the Christmas Day special, plays barmaid-turned-governess Clara.

The episode, written by show supremo Steven Moffat, is set on Christmas Eve 1892 and sees the Doctor up against an army of monster snowmen, inset below, led

by the villainous Doctor Simeon, played by Richard. Stephen admitted he had written the episode with a typically festive "noisy, sugared-up, slightly tipsy household" in mind.

Coleman said her character was "mysterious" and "very down to earth, but feisty and curious too".

She added: "She isn't intimidated by the Doctor. Instead she finds him amazing and ridiculous."



Ice and a slice

By JEN BLACKBURN

DANCING On Ice bosses have axed EIGHT of the show's professional skaters – and splashed out on a host of fresh faces to revamp the series.

The bloodbath has seen the exit of former favourites Frankie Poultnery, Nina Ulanova, Matt Gonzalez, Brooke Castile, Jodeyne Higgins, Sean Rice, Lukasz Rozycki and Alexandra Schauman, pictured below with their star partners earlier this year.

Bosses have found new stars to join this year's celebrity line-up which includes Pamela Anderson, right, Anthea Turner, Corrie's Samia Ghadie, former EastEnders Matt Lapinskas, gymnast Beth Tweddle, Towie's Lauren Goodger, rugby player Gareth

SHOW PRO SKATERS GET CHOP

Thomas, singer Dionne Bromfield and comic Joe Pasquale.

The move comes just weeks after chiefs announced they had re-signed ice judge Jason Gardiner to help boost ratings further.

A show source told TV Biz: "Dancing On Ice is heading for its best year ever. Every single aspect is being improved."

The new skaters will include Robin Johnstone, Jenna Harrison, Andy Buchanan, Olga Sharutenko and Michael Zenezini. The show will be hosted by Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley.

The live shows start on ITV1 next month.



Frankie Poultnery with Mark Rhodes



Nina Ulanova with Matthew Wolfenden



Matt Gonzalez with Charlene Tilton



Alexandra Schauman with Dominic Cork



Brooke Castile with Corey Feldman



Jodeyne Higgins with Chesney Hawkes



Sean Rice with Chemmy Alcott



Lukasz Rozycki with Laila Morse