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HARRY HILL has revealed that a Doctor musical should open in spring 2014 and he’s currently searching for someone short enough to play Simon Cowell.

The TV Buri funnyman is writing a musical based on the ITV talent show.

And he spoke about how work is going on the project. On This Morning. He said: “I think it’s going to be 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. Uncerfully, with all these great, really funny songs.”

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When host Ruth Langsford 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 shirt so high up.

‘Did you know the real reason? When he was a child, he was a victim of bullies who asked him for a wedding the whole time, so he found the only way to avoid the wedding was to have the high trousers’.

Co-host Eamonn Holmes asked: ‘Your dilemma is, who will pay him?’

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.”

JENNA-LOUISE COLEMAN has promised to bring a feisty edge to his role as the new companion in Dr Who. The actress, who will appear with Matt Smith and Richard E Grant, is due in the Christmas Day special. She plays barmaid-turned-governor Clara.

The episode, written by show supremo Steven Moffat, is set on Christmas Eve 1892 and sees the Doctor take on an army of monster snowmen, must below, led by the villainous Doctor Simeon, played by Richard. Stephen admitted he had written the episode with a typically feisty, “sassy, sugared-up, slightly tipsy household” in mind.

Cohen said his 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.

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 Poultney, Nina Ulanova, Matt Gonzalez, Brooke Castle, Jodysyn Hegins, Sean Rice, Lukasz Rozycki and Alexander Schuamann, 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 EastEnder Matt Lapinskas, gymnast Beth Tweddle, Towie’s Lauren Goodger, rugby player Gareth

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Thomas, singer Dione Bromfield and comic Joe Pasquale.

The move comes just weeks after of the show, which has 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 Zenez. The show will be hosted by Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley.

The live shows start on ITV1 next month.