

# Lincoln students presenting *Cinderella*

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The Lincoln High School drama department will be performing *Cinderella* — with a twist.

With drama teacher Martin Jacobs' hand in the production, anything goes.

This fall production, produced by the drama department, is based on Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*, the most recently performed by the singer Brandy. But because Jacobs is in charge, there are a few twists.

"This is funnier," said junior Lonnie Scott, who is the king. "After 1984, (the last Lincoln High School play) we decided to lighten it up. Jacobs always has this one scene that is a little different from the (original) scene."

In this production of the play, there are the usual characters. There's Cinderella, the queen, Prince Charming, the king, the wicked stepmother, two stepsisters, the Fairy Godmother, a herald and five zanies. Yes, zanies. Five of them.

In this version, Scott said, the king is funnier. Jacobs has also encouraged a lot of improvisation from the actors and he has done some of the writing also.

The stepsisters and their mother are larger than life, funnier and characters all their own, Scott said. The two sisters are total opposites and the stepmother is very pompous.

Some of the scenery changes include a transformation of the pumpkin into the carriage, with pumpkins flying in the air.

"The pumpkin scene will definitely be something you will want to see," said Scott. "As well as our

set will be a storybook that opens and closes to reveal the scenes."

Scott said it will have a 3-D effect.

"Of course, the big thing is the humor about the show. We are trying to get a lot of laughs," said Scott.

He said that a big 3-D structure will actually roll on the stage and look like the face of a book, and when it opens, it will look like the pages of a novel.

The costumes the actors will be wearing are a cross between the medieval and Renaissance eras. Junior Stephanie Peterson has done the costume design, Scott said. She also did them last year. But Scott said the group needs to give credit to Peterson's grandmother, Darlene Sanders, too.

"A lot of the costumes were made by her. She helped us out a lot."

The play will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 18 through Nov. 20 and at 1 p.m. Nov. 21 at Lincoln High School. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and are available at the door.

Cast members are: Cinderella (which is double cast), Erin Allen and Sara Wachtmann, both sophomores; the Queen, Sheena McDougall, senior; Prince Charming, (double cast) Jeff Buren, junior, and Michael Puryear, senior; the stepmother, Libby Smith, sophomore; stepsister Joy, Becky Crews, junior; stepsister Portia, Candace Reynolds, junior; Fairy Godmother, (double cast) Jeanette Alford and Arlie Anderson, both seniors; the Herald, Desiree King, senior; and five zanies, Danny Douglas, Mike Zeoli, Steve Fifield, all juniors and Becky Whittenberg and Scott Cook, seniors.



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Jeff Bruden as Prince Charming, Elizabeth Smith, the stepmother, and Sara Wachtmann as Cinderella star in the Lincoln High School production of Rodgers' and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*.