

Agency is child's play...

BOURNEMOUTH'S new child modelling agency Eclips was launched with a fashion show in aid of UNICEF - the United Nations Children's Fund.

Opening the event at the packed Carrington House Hotel was actor Jonathan Morris, famed for his role as Adrian Beesley in the smash hit TV series *Bread*, and currently starring in the hilarious comedy *Beside the*

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Seaside at the Pier Theatre which completes its run here next Sunday.

Jonathan said he was delighted to accept the invitation to launch Eclips - the result of a unique partnership between Bournemouth's *Swish* of the Curtain Drama School and former model Jill Price, because it was for such a good cause.

He particularly praised the efforts of the 130 child models whose work would specifically help orphaned children and those affected by the war in Iraq.

Having seen poverty in Africa at first hand during his work for Comic Relief the actor said he felt great humility.

"I am very privileged to have a supportive mum and dad. There are children all over the world, orphaned, limbless, diseased and when I travelled through Africa it changed my world and made me a more positive person."

The Eclips youngsters had all taken a catwalk training course and undergone

rehearsals in preparation for what was a very polished, professional and tightly choreographed show.

Called *Dawn 2 Dusk* and sponsored by Les Enfants of Westbourne, it featured children's wear for all times of the day and night, from swimwear, Angelina Ballerina and Communion wear to young daywear, special occasions and nightwear.

The Eclips agency has already had one girl Jessica Martin, 14, head-hunted by Storm - the agency that discovered super models Kate Moss and Sophie Dahl and it plans to continue its links with the top international agency.

At the end of the evening Tina Smith of *Swish* of the Curtain praised the hard work of the children who had all given 100 per cent.

The event is believed to have raised in the region of £1,000.

● Jonathan Morris makes his final appearances this week at Bournemouth's Pier Theatre in *Beside the Seaside* - one of four Ian Dickens produced comedies that have premiered here this summer.



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