



Kevin Costner starred with Whitney Houston in the 1992 *Bodyguard* original. Below Heather Headley and Lloyd Owen will reprise the roles on stage

THE WEST END'S ANSWER TO WHITNEY

Whitney Houston's belting performance in '90s romantic thriller *The Bodyguard* is a hard act to follow, but Heather Headley, 37, is more than up to the challenge as she steps into the heels of Whitney's character, Rachel Marron, in the stage show this month.

The Trinidadian-American has been waiting a *long* time to play her dream role: "When the movie came out, I was in high school and I saved up to go and see it," she says.

Breaking off from her intense rehearsals, she tells GLAMOUR that years of singing Whitney songs in the bathroom have been great prep. "To an extent, she taught me how to sing," Heather says. "I didn't have a lesson

'til college; before then, I just listened to her music, so I know every riff."

With two musicals – *The Lion King* and *Aida* – already under her belt, she knows her way around a stage,

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but the inevitable comparisons must be a bit daunting? "I have some very high heels to step into, yes. I watched the movie again one last time when I was offered the role,

then left it alone – I've had to figure out how to make her *my* Rachel." But Heather's biggest challenge is more practical: there are 15 costume changes. "My dresser is going to have the worst job ever!" she laughs.

The Bodyguard opens at the Adelphi Theatre in London on November 6

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Rachel Johnson

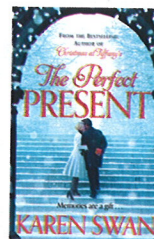
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