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IS BORN**

Cynthia is wearing a **Prabal Gurung** "Drape Back Cowl" top, **Maria Tash** "White Gold 8mm Cubic Zirconia Dhara" clicker, **Tiffany & Co.** "Tiffany T Two" rings and **Alexis Bittar** "Crystal Baguette Double Finger" rings. Coil ring, subject's own. >>



WINNING STREAK

British starlet and singer Cynthia Erivo has landed in Hollywood, and like the legends who came before her, she's doing it her way

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ALL THAT GLITTERS

This page: **Tanya Taylor** “Sequined” jacket. **Pamela Love** “Deconstruct” hoops. **Alina Abegg** “Micro Alien Hoop” earring and “Silver Alien Pinky” ring. **Messika Paris** “Glam’Azone” choker, “Move Addiction” ring, “My Twin Trilogy” ring, “Move Addiction Pave” ring, “My Twin Toi & Moi” ring and “Move Noa” bangle. **Vita Fede** “Insignia Crystal” ring. **Maria Tash** “Rose Gold 9.5mm Diamond Eternity” ring. Other rings, stylist’s own. Rock hoops, subject’s own.

Previous page: **Tanya Taylor** “Checked” blazer. (On left ear) **Valani** “Heva 1” ruby ear huggers. **Sophie Bille Brahe** for **Georg Jensen** “Halo” ear hoops and **Messika Paris** “Glam’Azone Graphic” earrings. (On right ear) **Maria Tash** diamond eternity rings. **Messika Paris** “High Jewelry Move Addiction” choker. Rock hoops, subject’s own.

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FEARLESS STYLE

Marc Jacobs coat. **De Beers**

“Phenomena Crest” earrings, “Radiating Lotus” earrings, “Aura Yellow Diamond Band” ring, “Wide Court Band” ring, “Enchanted Lotus Band” ring, “Dewdrop Rose Gold Band” ring, “Petal Diamond Band” ring, “Adonis Rose Diamond Band” ring, “Radiating Lotus” necklace, “Fancy Cut Aura” yellow diamond pendant and “Arpeggia” five-line diamond bracelet.

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Hair, Coree Moreno using Vernon François/The Visionaries Agency. **Makeup**, Joanna Simkin/The Wall Group. **Manicure**, Mayumi Abuku using Smith & Cult/Rona Represents.

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Transitioning from Broadway to the big screen can be a tricky maneuver for an actor—the circuitous path has no guarantee of success. But in the case of the Emmy-, Grammy- and Tony Award-winning actress Cynthia Erivo, Hollywood was clamoring for her arrival.

In the fall of 2018, Erivo made her film debut as the fiery singer Darlene Sweet in the twisty thriller *Bad Times at the El Royale*. In November audiences were treated to yet another memorable performance in the Steve McQueen-directed *Widows*, in which she plays Belle alongside Oscar winner Viola Davis. Despite her own impressive résumé, Erivo admits to having had a few butterflies during her second film project. “I was sort of thrown into the deep end,” she says of the sheer star wattage of McQueen and Davis. “I got to set and felt nervous because I didn’t want to let anyone down.”

Considering the accolades Erivo has received thus far, she need not have worried. In 2015 the British star made her critically acclaimed Broadway debut playing the long-suffering Celie in *The Color Purple*. Since then she has gone from strength to strength on her way to EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony) glory, with only an Academy Award left to complete the feat. Ask the powerhouse performer about her role models and without a second’s pause she mentions the singing and acting greats: Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Eartha Kitt, Barbra Streisand.

Indeed Erivo is all about that old-school glam. While she’s as down-to-earth as they come—she works out fiercely, has an adorable little dog named Caleb, and fangirls over singer Teyana Taylor—she’s unafraid to hit the red carpet festooned in sequin or enveloped in a flurry of tulle that would make Mother Eartha proud.

As for what’s next, the coming year looks pretty epic for Erivo, who’s set to star in two major sci-fi flicks: Doug Liman’s *Chaos Walking* and John Ridley’s *Needle in a Timestack*. She also began filming director Kasi Lemmons’s movie *Harriet*, based on the life of Harriet Tubman, in which Erivo takes on the titular role. On top of all that, Erivo is in the process of writing tunes for what will hopefully be her first album. “We’re starting to talk with a label or two,” she says excitedly. “That will be another dream come true.” ☺