

Backlash Ensues Over Queer 'Wicked' Star Cynthia Erivo Portraying Jesus

"Wicked" star Cynthia Erivo—a female who identifies as bisexual and queer—is slated to portray Jesus in "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Hollywood Bowl amphitheater in Los Angeles.

The 38-year-old celebrity posted about the controversial role on her Instagram, writing, "Just a little busy this summer. Can't wait!"

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Erivo is not a stranger to "Jesus Christ Superstar," as she portrayed Mary Magdalene in the incredibly controversial musical in 2020, when it was performed by an all-female cast.

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The condemnations for the casting decision have been swift, according to the Daily Mail.

One critic called the news "blasphemy" and "mocking Christ the King," while another wrote, "Hollywood really is just a fishbowl of likeminded individuals; good luck with this one."

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