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Shelbyville actress lands role in Las Vegas 'Marilyn Monroe' musical

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The iconic Marilyn Monroe said "diamonds are a girl's best friend," but perhaps that's because she never met Ruby.

[Ruby Lewis \(/story/entertainment/music/2016/12/14/shelbyvilles-ruby-lewis-releases-first-single-somewhere-memory/95372656/\)](/story/entertainment/music/2016/12/14/shelbyvilles-ruby-lewis-releases-first-single-somewhere-memory/95372656/), an actress from Shelbyville, Kentucky, is set to star in "[Marilyn! The New Musical \(https://www.caesars.com/paris-las-vegas/shows/marilyn-the-new-musical#.WvtCs4gvyUk\)](https://www.caesars.com/paris-las-vegas/shows/marilyn-the-new-musical#.WvtCs4gvyUk)," at the Paris Theater in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"It's the role of a lifetime," Lewis said, who began tap dancing at age 3 and appeared at Louisville's Iroquois Amphitheater in "The Sound of Music."

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After attending Western Kentucky University as a Performing Arts major, Lewis went on to win roles with national touring companies performing in "Gypsy," "Grease," "Jersey Boys" and "We Will Rock You."

In 2016 Lewis made her Broadway debut as Indigo in Cirque du Soleil's "Paramour" in New York.

"I am glad to have all the years of touring experience," Lewis said. "It gave me the stamina to carry the show as the lead."

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Next week, the Kentucky native steps into the role of one of Hollywood's most iconic stars, with preview performances beginning May 23 and a grand opening June 1, which also happens to have been Marilyn Monroe's birthday.

The show which includes 20 original musical numbers, as well as classics like "Diamonds, Are a Girl's Best Friend" and "My Heart Belongs to Daddy." Each tells a story from her days at Norma Jeane to her rise to stardom as one of the world's most famous sex symbols.

For more information and tickets for "Marilyn! The New Musical" visit, <http://Ticketmaster.com/Marilyn> (<http://Ticketmaster.com/Marilyn>).

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