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Rising star :: SHEENA BHATTESSA



She starred in *Love Aaj Kaal* and starred opposite Bobby Deol in *Jhoom Barabar Jhoom*, but Sheena Bhatessa has come a long way from Bollywood to appear on stage in *The Great Game*, a powerful tale set around the war in Afghanistan, playing a 16 and 30 year-old.

'No one's quite sure where to place me – the amount of times I've been told I don't look Indian enough! But once I get to the audition, I can show I can play women from all over the world, whatever



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their age,' she beams, adding: 'When I'm 50, hopefully I'll look like a 30-year-old!'

And she certainly started early enough. Growing up in the entertainment industry, Sheena's career began at the tender age of four: 'I loved dancing in front of people

and my parents realised early my heart wouldn't be in anything else so I went to drama school and my life's been all song and pantomime since!'

But it's the grittier roles that really gets her fired up: 'I recently played a young Mexican mother who was a murderer. It was terrifying – I relish playing characters that jolt the viewer.' Which makes her stint in *The Great Game* all the more a must-see.

• *The Great Game* is touring from 12th Sept. www.tricycle.co.uk

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