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Eddie Izzard, whose turn in David Mamet's Race ends Aug. 21, is already focusing on his next gig. "I'm reading Treasure Island for a possible role," he says.

Mr. Izzard, increasingly known as much for his acting skills as his comedic chops, is one of several actors up to play one-legged antagonist Long John Silver in a British TV adaptation of the classic Robert Louis Stevenson pirate tale.

In addition to prepping for the part, the cross-dressing Brit is no doubt busy deciding what to wear to the Emmy Awards later this month. Believe: The Eddie Izzard Story, the Sarah Townsend-directed documentary that tracks the comedian's rise to fame, is up for an award for Outstanding Nonfiction Special. It's the first program from new cable network Epix to garner such an honor.

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