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Place where Cumberbatch learnt the acting trade

Any budding thespians out there with deep pockets should make their way to Logan House, a development of 10 luxury apartments being built on the site of a London theatre where Benedict Cumberbatch learnt his trade.

The site may be all top-notch fixtures and fittings now, but until 2003 it was the Michael MacOwan Theatre, part of the neighbouring London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA), which has since relocated.

During the 1960s Cumberbatch studied at LAMDA's old Kensington address where he completed a post-graduate Diploma in Classical Acting before fame, and his breakthrough (Bafta nomination for the 2004 film, *Hawking*, beckoned.

"My time at LAMDA was mind-opening and fun," says Benedict. "I learnt skills that have been of daily use in my work as a professional actor."

He was not the only famous



actor to tread the boards there. Other names seen under its lights read like a who's who of British drama including Chiwetel Ejiofor, Jim Broadbent, Patricia Hodge, Maureen Lipman, Richard Armitage, Martin Shaw, Hermione Norris and David Suchet.

The new-build development, which has been awarded a blue plaque in recognition of its starry alumni, will include apartments with up to four bedrooms each with outdoor

terraces and a bristling security system.

"Few boutique developments come close to Logan House in terms of design, quality or historical importance," says Joseph Mansour of developer Mayfield.

Prices at the development start at £1.375 million.

More information from Knight Frank (020 826 9673).

