

## KIM HAWTHORNE

Kim Hawthorne is a native of Newark, New Jersey. She portrays the indelible, Kerissa Greenleaf, on OWN'S drama series *Greenleaf*. Ms. Hawthorne began her lifelong passion of the arts at just 12 years-old, when she began studying opera. She went on to earn a classical music scholarship to Birmingham-Southern College in Alabama. After graduating with honors and a Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre, she launched her professional career at the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta under the tutelage of Kenny Leon. She later made her Broadway debut in New York performing the lead role of Queen in Cy Coleman and Ira Gasman's musical, *The Life*.

With over 20 years' experience on the big and small screen, Ms. Hawthorne most recently starred in the critically acclaimed Lifetime movie, *I Am Somebody's Child* and has recurred on *How To Get Away With Murder*. Her feature film roles include the popular *The Chronicles of Riddick* and *Along Came a Spider*. She was a series regular on Louis C.K.'s HBO show, *Lucky Louie* and she has been nominated for Canada's prestigious Leo Award for her role on *Da Vinci's Inquest*.

Ms. Hawthorne is the proud mother of two sons and a strong advocate of human rights. When she is not acting she is managing her ready-to-wear head wrap line, The Regal Wrap. Kim frequently engages in public speaking, hosting, celebrity guest appearances, performing her one-woman show, "An Intimate Evening with Kim Hawthorne", and conducting her spiritual empowerment workshops. She serves on the advisory board for Newark School of the Arts, is a mentor to aspiring actors training and coaching them through her mind renewal acting workshops and on-line courses.

The Regal Wrap has been featured in Oprah Winfrey's, O, The Oprah Magazine's December 2018 issue as one of Oprah's Favorite Things and is currently being sold at [TheRegalWrap.com](http://TheRegalWrap.com)

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