

NEW BABY for Madonna

Singer to **ADOPT** when her tour ends

MADONNA has a confession to make – she's adopting a baby!

The 48-year-old singer hopes to have the new bundle of joy by year's end – soon after she wraps her sensational "Confessions" tour in Tokyo in September.

"Madonna and Guy are beginning the process to adopt a baby in California from the city of Vista Del Mar," a source close to the couple told *The ENQUIRER*.

"They've begun the application process and currently are undergoing evaluation – typical of adoptive parents.

"So far they've been interviewed and fingerprinted to begin the process, and afterward they'll have a home evaluation to

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make sure they'll be suitable parents.

"I'm sure they'll pass with flying colors – it's just a formality."

Madonna and British director hubby Guy Ritchie, 37, have already proven they're capable parents. They're happily raising their son, 5-year-old Rocco, and 9-year-old Lourdes – Madonna's daughter from a previous relationship with fitness trainer Carlos Leon.

"Madonna is such a wonderful mother, and her kids are turning out to be model children," said a music insider.

"I'm not surprised she and Guy want to adopt. They certainly have the money and ingenuity to support a huge household."



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Madonna relaxes at the park with daughter Lourdes, Rocco and hubby Guy Ritchie