

BAFTA ROCLIFFE NEW WRITING SHOWCASE – TV COMEDY 2020

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2020



MATTHEW BARRY is a Rocliffe alumni and Broadcast Hotshot whose writing credits include Netflix's *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina*, *EastEnders* and *Cucumber/Banana*.



BEN FARRELL is Chief Creative Officer at Objective Fiction and a BAFTA-nominated producer whose credits include *Feel Good*, *Year of the Rabbit* and *Tracey Ullman's Show*.



JOANNA SCANLAN is a BAFTA-nominated actor and writer whose credits include *Getting On*, *No Offence* and *How to Build a Girl*. She also had a production company with Vicki Pepperdine called George & George Co.



FARAH ABUSHWESHA (MODERATOR)
Producer for *Irreplaceable You*, *The ABC Murders*, *The Singapore Grip* and BFI Vision Awards recipient.

A huge thank you to our script selection panellists and judges. They included:

2020 Comedy Jury

BEN CAUDELL Comedy Commissioning Editor, BBC
CATHERINE WILLIS Casting Director, *The Duchess, Flowers*
DANIEL LAWRENCE TAYLOR Actor & Writer, *Hunderby, Timewasters*
ELLA JONES Director, *Enterprise, Fully Blown*
KEVIN CECIL Writer, *Veep, Year of the Rabbit*
LARA SINGER Development Producer, *Big Talk*
LOIS GRATION Creative Assistant, Original Series UK, Netflix
PETE THORNTON Head of Scripted, UKTV
SASKIA SCHUSTER Head of Scripted, Fulwell 73
TANYA QURESHI Head of Comedy, Various Artist Ltd
TIM ALLSOP Head of Comedy & Entertainment, Spelthorne Community Television

2020 Comedy Panel

ADAM LAVIS Director, *SpareBNB, Pitch Invaders*
ALICE SEABRIGHT Writer & Director, *Chloe, Sex Education*
ALICE OJHA Development & Production Assistant, Searchlight Pictures
ANJLI MOHINDRA Actor, *Bodyguard, Dr Who*
ANNA EMERSON Writer, *Mission Improbable, Sketchtopia*
CHARLIE COOMBES Scripted Development Producer, Beano Studios
CHARLIE PERKINS Head of Comedy, Blink Industries
DAVE COHEN Comedy Writer & Coach, Author, Podcaster, *Sitcom Geeks*
ELAINE GRACIE Writer & Actor, *End-O*
IAN ARYEH Director, *In The Long Run*
JACK GILCHRIST Junior Agent, Casarotto Ramsey & Associates
GEORGE KANE Director, *Timewasters*
HELENA MURPHY Development Executive, Hartwood Films
HOLLIE EBDON Director, Ebdon Management
HUGH SACHS Actor, *Family Tree, Benidorm*
JAMIE LEE O'DONNELL Actress, *Derry Girls, The Cripple of Inishmaan*
JANETTE LINDEN Agent, PBJ Management
KATE KENNEDY Actress & Writer, *Handy*
KAYLEIGH LLEWELLYN Writer, *In My Skin, Killing Eve*
LIZZIE BATES Writer, *Mission Improbable, Sketchtopia*
LOUISA HARLAND Actress, *Derry Girls*
NAT LUURTSEMA Writer & Director, *Island Queen, War Paint*
NICOLE PAGLIA Writer, *Deadendia, 101 Dalmation Street*
RICHARD BODEN Director, *Blackadder Goes Fourth, The IT Crowd*
RUTH TRIPPITT Script Editor, Wildseed Studios
SUSAN JACOBSON Director, *Handy*
TONY COOKE Writer, *Tracey Ullman's Show, The Amelia Gething Complex*

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BADASS

by SARAH MILLS

Directed by SUSAN JACOBSON
Composer ROSHAN GUNGA

She's looking for love - and a tumour up her bum isn't going to get in the way of that.

SARAH MILLS is a writer-performer. She has written, produced and starred in her own series of sketches and the *Chemo Chat Show* on YouTube, with guests like Dara O Briain, Phil Wang and Judge Rinder. She also writes for papers including the *Metro* and the *Telegraph*, produced unscripted TV and is the creator of a photo series on Instagram raising awareness of invisible disability. *Badass* is her first sitcom, written during lockdown and is inspired by personal experience - "It's fun to do stand up comedy around how my bum tried to kill me."

CAST

MARK BONNAR
Hatton McEwan Penford

AMER CHADHA-PATEL
Insight Management & Production

SIAN CLIFFORD
United Agents

RON COOK
Independent Talent

SARAH HADLAND
Independent Talent

DARREN & SHELLEY

(ANIMATED COMEDY SERIES)

by ALISTAIR LINSELL

Directed by SUSAN JACOBSON
Composer GARETH MURPHY

Odd-couple animated comedy series about internet fame obsessed Darren (20s), and sophisticated intellectual Shelley, the world's only talking pig.

ALISTAIR LINSELL Alistair is a writer, improviser, science presenter, and nuclear engineer, which is something of a portfolio career. He is best known for *Outrageous Acts of Science* which ran for 6 series and ranks in the top ten hour broadcasts in the history of the Science Channel. He has written several sketch and narrative comedy shows which have been performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. He has had material broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra as part of *Newsjack*. *Darren and Shelley* is his second pilot script, the first being *Grey Hat*, a sitcom that follows a dysfunctional team of GCHQ hackers.

ADAM GILLEN
Gordon and French

WERUCHE OPIA
Curtis Brown

CHRIS WALLEY
B-Side Management

KEDAR WILLIAMS-STIRLING
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BLACK CABS

by CHRISTOPHER MAUDSLEY

Directed by SUSAN JACOBSON
Composer ROSHAN GUNGA

In eighteenth century York, Nathaniel and friends compete with rivals and racial prejudice to create a sedan-chair start-up, becoming central to the local abolition movement.

A proud Northerner and history-lover, CHRISTOPHER MAUDSLEY's absurd broadcast-ban short *Gerry's Voice* played at London Short Film Festival and the punk baby-naming trauma, *El Rey* at Manchester Kinofilm. His semi-autobiographical *Rat Tail* was a finalist in Shore Scripts 2019 and he wrote an experimental neck-based short *Nape* for the Film Hub North / BFI Network Northern Exposure scheme. His short script, *Ten Men Stood in a Field in France*, was long-listed for Enter the Pitch, developed from his feature screenplay, *Albion* (a pacifist Shawshank, in Esperanto). He is currently completing comedy-horror spec-script *Tobin's Spirit Guide* - anyone have Dan Aykroyd's email?

2020 SHORTLISTED WRITERS

LUKE FROST *Downhill*

MATT ZEIQIRI & OLIVER KINDEBERG *Dummies*

ALEXA BERRY *I Really Want to Punch You*

JACK HARRIS *Leading the Blind*

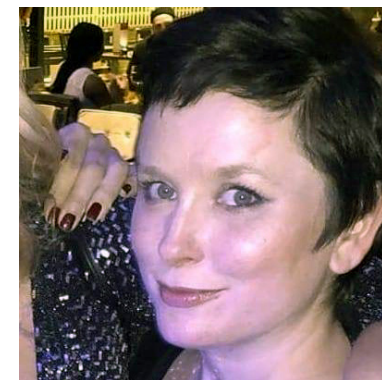
RAYNA CAMPBELL *Marriage, Single, WTF?*

CAROLINE TOPOUZOGLOU & JASKARAN SAHOTA

Pearshaped

STEVE MONGER *Rewind*

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Alistair Linsell



Christopher Maudsley