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Rianna Simons



Hello! My name is Rianna and I'm a Bermudian-British playwright and writer based in London. My debut play WHITE GIRLS GANG was shortlisted for the 2023 Yale Drama Series Prize and longlisted for the Bruntwood Prize for Playwriting as well as the Mustapha Matura Award.

I've worked with the Almeida Theatre (Anthem, 2021-2022) and the Royal Court Theatre. When I'm not writing, I work at the National Theatre Archive.

I'm represented by Florence Hyde at United Agents.

WRITTEN WORKS

WHITE GIRLS GANG (Yale Drama Series Prize, Bruntwood Prize for Playwriting, Mustapha Matura Award) FOLKLIFE (Almeida Theatre, Anthem) BACK IN THE HABIT OF DOING STAND-UP COMEDY (Almeida Theatre, Black Joy Scratch) ALLY OF THE WHITE MALE COMMUNITY (BA RCSSD)

VOGUE: Residents at Jeremy O. Harris's Playwriting Retreat Reflect on Their Tuscan Adventure

ACHIEVEMENTS

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2023	2023 YALE DRAMA SERIES SHORTLIST
2020	INVITED BY JEREMY O. HARRIS
MAR	YALE DRAMA SERIES PRIZE
2023	2023 YALE DRAMA SERIES SHORTLIST /
2020	WHITE GIRLS GANG
SEPT	BRUNTWOOD PRIZE FOR PLAYWRITING
2022	2022 BRUNTWOOD PRIZE LONGLIST/
2022	WHITE GIRLS GANG
NOV	ALFRED FAGON PLAYWRITING AWARD
2021	2021 MUSTAPHA MATURA LONGLIST / WHITE
	GIRLS GANG
APRIL	ALMEIDA THEATRE
2021	'ANTHEM' WRITERS GROUP FOR BLACK
2021	BRITISH WRITERS/ FOLKLIFE

SUBSTRATUM WRITERS RESIDENCY

EDUCATION

2019 2022	ROYAL CENTRAL SCHOOL OF SPEECH & DRAMA BA Writing for Performance (Graduated with First Class Honours)
2022 2023	ROYAL CENTRAL SCHOOL OF SPEECH & DRAMA MA Writing for Stage and Broadcast Media

STAGED WORK

SEPT	ALMEIDA THEATRE (BLACK JOY)
2022	BACK IN THE HABIT (OF DOING STAND- UP COMEDY)
APRIL 2022	NEW DIORAMA THEATRE BROADGATE WHITE GIRLS GANG / Play Reading
MAR 2022	ROYAL CENTRAL SCHOOL OF SPEECH & DRAMA BACK IN THE HABIT (OF DOING STAND-UP COMEDY) / SLP: A Festival
	ALMEIDA THEATRE (ANTHEM LIVE)
FEB 2022	FOLKLIFE (Extract)/ Anthem Live, Almeida Theatre (Anthem Playwriting Group)
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