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Rianna Simons



Hello! My name is Rianna and I'm a Bermudian-British writer and graduate of BA Writing for Performance from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama (2022).

I write theatre and comedy that focuses on issues of race and difference, with hopes of a future career in writing for theatre, television, and beyond.

For theatre I've written one full-length play (WHITE GIRLS GANG) and another shorter play (FOLKLIFE) for the Almeida Theatre. I'm currently writing spec scripts for theatre and television.

When I'm not writing, I'm working at the National Theatre as the Black Plays Archive Coordinator.

WRITTEN WORKS

White Girls Gang (2022)

Vogue: 'Residents at Jeremy O Harris' Playwriting Retreat Reflect on Their

Tuscan Adventure' (2023)

Folklife (2021)

Back in the Habit (of Doing Stand-Up Comedy) (2022, stand-up comedy) Ally of the White Male Community (2021, stand-up comedy)

ACHIEVEMENTS

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

EDUCATION

2019 2022	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

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STAGED WORK

SEPT 2022	ALMEIDA THEATRE (BLACK JOY) 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
FEB 2022	ALMEIDA THEATRE (ANTHEM LIVE) FOLKLIFE (Extract)/ AlmeidaTheatre (Anthem Playwriting Group, Anthem Live)
FEB 2021	TEDx ROYAL CENTRAL SCHOOL WHITE GIRLS GANG (Extract) / RestART Virtual TEDx Event
ОСТ	SCRATCHING COLLECTIVE