NINA HAHN
is Senior Vice President of International Production & Development for Nickelodeon International, and Head of ViacomCBS International Studios (VIS) Kids, with over 25 years’ experience in creating and producing content for kids spanning all genres, and initiating projects such as Deer Squad, Spyuden, and The Twisted Timelines of Sammy & Raj.

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BEN WILLBOND
is a comedian, writer and producer. Co-writer and co-star of the BAFTA-nominated comedy Ghosts (BBC1), Ben is also an original cast member of the multiple-award-winning children’s TV show Horrible Histories (CBBC/BBci) and with the team, went on to co-write and star in three series of family adventure fantasy Youngerland (Sky 1). Other credits include Good Omens (Amazon Prime/BBC2), BAFTA and Emmy-nominated sketch show Tracy Ulman’s Show (BBC One/HBO), and The Thick of It (BBC2).

FARAH ABUSHWESHA
is a BAFTA-nominated producer whose Film and TV credits include No Return, The Singapore Grip, The ABC Murders, The Last Photograph and Netflix Original Irreplaceable You. She has written two books on filmmaking and awarded the BFI Vision Award 2020.

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SCAREDY KAT

by HATTIE HARRISON
Composer: PETE BLYTH

Everyone worries, but 10-year-old Kat worries all the time. Sitcom following Kat’s journey to conquer her fears by learning about other people’s.

HATTIE HARRISON has always loved both writing and comedy and started to combine the two in 2016 through creating a blog. This led to her being picked from 15,000 nominees as 1 of 3 finalists for Mumsnet’s ‘Best Comic Writer’ award. Since then Hattie has written and filmed short sketches for Nickelodeon Jr’s social media platforms, co-written various sitcom scripts and produced online comedy content. Hattie is currently studying a diploma in ‘Writing and Producing Comedy’ at The National Film and Television School (NFTS).

MINA AND OLIN’S APOTHECARY

by GAVIN LAING
Composer: PETE BLYTH

Facing eviction from their castle home, an out-of-touch wizard must swallow his pride and work with a relentlessly optimistic schoolgirl to open a magical potion shop.

GAVIN LAING is a Scottish writer with a passion for comedy, animation, and engaging queer stories told with humour and heart. Gavin’s short film My First Spellbook won a Royal Television Society Award and enjoyed a seven-year run in film festivals around the world including TIFF Kids and the Chicago International Children’s Film Festival. Gavin previously worked in production on several BAFTA award-winning BBC children’s series and at Sony Pictures Animation in creative development. He is a graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and USC’s Peter Stark Producing Program, and a current participant in BAFTA LA’s Newcomers Program.

AMINAH’S AFRICAN ADVENTURE

by MARIAMA IVES-MOIBA
Composer: ROSHAN GUNGA

London-born Aminah must give up on her swimming dreams when her parents decide to move back to Sierra Leone to open a clinic.

MARIAMA IVES-MOIBA is of English and Sierra Leonean heritage. Her scripts are informed by her deep love of history, travel and magical realism. Her children’s play ‘A Concrete Jungle Full of Wild Cars’, won the Trinity College International playwriting competition, and she went on to study an MA in Scriptwriting at UEA. Currently, she is part of the BBC New Voices programme, and has been chosen for a three month paid placement in BBC Children’s animation.

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FREYA ALDERSERON
Hex

SARAH MCCONNELL
Growing Pains

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Agnes Tinker The Medieval Marvel

JESS CARRIVICK
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