

# BAFTA ROCLIFFE NEW WRITING SHOWCASE: CHILDREN, FAMILY AND YA MEDIA

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## 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*, *Spyders*, and *The Twisted Timelines of Sammy & Raj*.



## 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

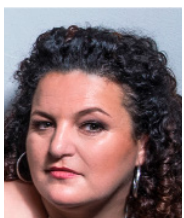
children's TV show *Horrible Histories* (CBBC/BBC1) and with the team, went on to co-write and star in three series of family adventure fantasy *Yonderland* (Sky 1). Other credits include *Good Omens* (Amazon Prime/BBC2), BAFTA and Emmy-nominated sketch show *Tracey Ullman's Show* (BBC One/HBO), and *The Thick of It* (BBC2).



## ORION ROSS

is Vice President, Animation The Walt Disney Company EMEA, working with independent studios and producers for Disney's global platforms including Disney Junior, Disney Channel and

Disney+. Current and recent projects include new takes on Disney classics *Chip 'n' Dale: Park Life* and *101 Dalmatian Street*; pre-school hits *PJ Masks* and *Gigantosaurus*; original children's series *Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug and Cat Noir*, *Counterfeit Cat*, *Sadie Sparks* and *Best Bugs Forever*; and the BAFTA-winning Disney XDFC shorts programme.



## FARAH ABUSHWESHA (MODERATOR)

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.

A huge thank you to our script selection panellist and judges. They include:

## 2021 JURY

**ADAM TYLER** BAFTA Award-winning Writer/Director, *Screwball!* (2017) *Refugee* (2016)

**ANDY VENTRIS** Director, London Book Fair

**CECILIA PERSSON** Media & Entertainment Executive

**DARREN NARTEY** Acquisitions Manager, ITV

**ELLIOTT PALMER** Animation Development Producer, King Bert Productions

**IAN FRANCE** Commissioning Editor, Sky Kids

**KARA SMITH** Writer/Director, *Apple Tree House*

**LOUISE BUCKNOLE** VP Programming Kids, ViacomCBS Networks International

**VANESSA AMBERLEIGH** Genre Lead Preschool at BBC Children's In House Productions

## 2021 PANEL

**DAVINIA ANDREW-LYNCH** Founder of Andlyn Literary Agency

**HELEN CLIFFORD** Marketing Manager, London Book Fair

**JAMILA METRAN** Director of Kids Networks, Sony Pictures Television

**JAVID REZAI** Writer, *Hollyoaks*

**JOANNE LAU** Writer, CBeebies' *Kit and Pup*, CBBC's *Class Dismissed*

**JOSEPH CHANNON** Planning Executive, Nickelodeon UK

**KAREN REED** Writer, *Dennis and Gnasher Unleashed*

**KAY BENBOW** Independent Children's Media Specialist and former Controller of CBeebies (2010-2018)

**KELLY-ANNE PERERA** Vice President, Baozou

**KYLE JENKINS** Programme Executive/Manager, *Milkshake!*

**LUKE FROST** Script Editor, BBC Children's

**MARK TALBOT** Chief Creative Officer, Beano Studios

**SEYI ODUSANYA** Writer, *Jojo and Gran Gran*

**SHAZIA BEGUM** Kids Content Manager, Sky Kids

**TONY COOKE** Writer, CBBC's *Diddy Movies*, *Class Dismissed*

BAFTA Rocliffe patrons include: Christine Langan, Julian Fellowes, John Madden, Mike Newell, Richard Eyre, David Parfitt, David Yates, Finola Dwyer, Michael Kuhn, Duncan Kenworthy, Rebecca O'Brien, Sue Perkins, John Bishop, Greg Brenner, Olivia Hetreed, Andy Patterson, Andy Harries, Christopher Hampton and Elizabeth Karlsen.

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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).

## CAST

**ELLA SCHREY-YEATS**  
Bloomfields Welch Management

**ESTHER SMITH**  
Curtis Brown

**HUGH SACHS**  
United Agents

**ISABELLA PAPPAS**  
42 MP

## 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.

**JULIET COWAN**  
Curtis Brown

**KUDZAI SITIMA**  
Independent Talent

**MATHEW HORNE**  
United Agents

**MUZZ KHAN**  
Curtis Brown

## 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.

## 2021 SHORTLISTED WRITERS

**KATIE LEE AND ALEX MILWAY**

*The Lost Tapes Of Roxy Jones*

**FREYA ALDERSON** *Hex*

**SARAH MCCONNELL** *Growing Pains*

**RACHAEL HILTON** *Agnes Tinker The Medieval Marvel*

**JESS CARRIVICK** *The Treacle Centre*

**PATRICIA DONOGHUE MURPHY**

*The Rainbow Ends At Blarney*

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