

Joan Iyiola

Writer

Joan Iyiola has been voted one of 30 Black, British Stars of Tomorrow by Digital Spy. Selected for BFI NETWORK x BAFTA Crew 2021. She recently wrote DQ̄LÁPQ̄ IS FINE under the Bumble scheme 2019 which is about a young black girl's relationship with her hair and name, against the backdrop of her very British boarding school, asking the question: How do you hold on to your celebrated identity when you realise that the environment that you inhabit wasn't made for you? [Here](#) is a link to the film (password: sunita), which won the HBO Short film competition at the American Black Film Festival 2020 and was officially selected for BFI LFF 2020 and LSFF 2021. The film has been acquired by both Netflix (UK/IRE), and HBO. Her series treatment for THIS IS NOT MY EXPERIENCE has just been optioned by Avalon.

IN DEVELOPMENT

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2020	TALAWA (Writer)		Original drama inspired by the life of Olive Morris.
2020	JUST KIDS (Co-Writer with Jack Parris)	Avalon/ ITV	Original comedy-drama series about an interracial couple who defy the norm and attempt to push back against the pressures of parenthood.
2020	WHATEVER HAPPENED TO INTERRACIAL LOVE (Writer)		A romantic drama following Lola, a 21 year-old student in New York, as she searches for love without the politics of race. Based on the novel of the same name by Kathleen Collins.

SHORT

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2019	DQLÁPO IS FINE (Writer)	Bumble's Female Film Force	A story about a young black girl's relationship with her hair and name, and how it helps her understand who she really is.
			Official Selection - African Diaspora International Film Festival 2020
			Official Selection - S.O.U.L Film Fest 2020
			Winner - HBO Short Film Award at American Black Film Festival 2020
			Official Selection - For Our People Film Festival 2020
			Winner - -Best Short Drama & Best Actress at I Will Tell Festival 2020
			Official Selection - LA Shorts Fest 2020
			Official Selection - MVAFF 2020
			Official Selection - BFI London Film Festival 2020
			Official Selection - 1261 Film Festival 2020
			Official Selection - Film Africa 2020
			Official Selection - Leeds International Film Festival 2020
			Screening - No Direct Flight, Kenya 2020
			Screening - Monday Movie Night, Kenya 2020
			Official Selection - Africa Rising International Film Festival 2020
			Official Selection - African Diaspora International Film Festival (NYADIFF) 2020
			Official Selection - London Short Film Festival 2021
			Official Selection - Pan African Film Festival 2021
			Official Selection - International Film Fest Rotterdam 2021
