

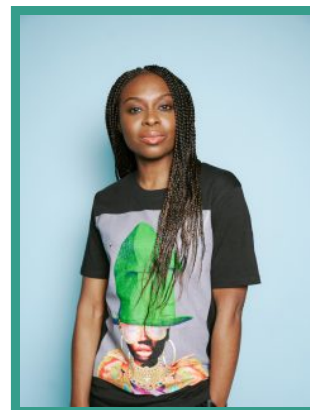
Joan Iyiola

Writer / Director

Joan Iyiola is a writer, director, actress and producer and co-founder of Apatan Productions. Her first short DQLÁPỌ IS FINE (2020) has played at-over 150+ festivals worldwide,-was shortlisted for a BAFTA (2021)-and-was the recipient of the HBO Short Film Award (2020). DQLÁPỌ IS FINE has been acquired by Netflix UK/IRE, HBO and can now be seen on Disney+. Her latest short, MANGO (co-production with Salaud Morisset) marks her directorial debut and premiered at Santa Barbara International Film Festival and is now on a festival run. Joan is currently working on her debut feature, BACK WHERE SHE BELONGS.

Other projects in development include Overturn (Joi Productions/Miramax), RE/SISTERS (Watford & Essex), and Just Kids (Avalon). Joan recently completed the BBC Studios Writer's Academy with John Yorke and is under commission for a new original series,-House of Ojo.

Joan was named as one of Digital Spy's 30 Black British Stars of Tomorrow, and is part of BFI Network x BAFTA's Crew. She co-founded The Mono Box, and was recently an Associate Artist at Donmar Warehouse. Joan is represented by Olivia Gray at Independent Talent and Ikki El-Amriti at IAG. Joan was recently selected as 1 of 10 Finalists for the 2026 Women Directing Mentorship Program with SeriesFest and Shondaland.



IN DEVELOPMENT

PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
RE/ SISTERS	Watford and Essex	
OVERTURN	Joi Productions / Miramax UK	
JUST KIDS (Co-Writer with Jack Parris)	Avalon	

TV WRITERS ROOM

PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY
KANE	Buccaneer Media

SHORT

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
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2025	MANGO	Apartan Productions	<p>Zadie is an independent florist, privately suffering from fibroids, but determined to take her career to the next level. When a dream job arrives, Zadie searches for help in order to control her morphing body but the unwanted growths threaten to take over.</p> <p>Official Selection and Winner of Best Midnight Short - Palm Springs International Film Festival</p> <p>Best Craft, Best Actor and Best Film Winner at S.O.U.L. Fest x ABFF</p> <p>Official Selection - Santa Barbara Film Festival</p> <p>Official Selection - San Francisco International Film Festival</p> <p>Official Selection - Provincetown International Film Festival</p> <p>Official Selection - Milano Film Festival</p>
2019	DQĻÁPQ IS FINE (Writer)	Bumble's Female Film Force	<p>A story about a young black girl's relationship with her hair and name, and how it helps her understand who she really is.</p> <p>Official Selection - African Diaspora International Film Festival 2020</p> <p>Official Selection - S.O.U.L Film Fest 2020</p> <p>Winner - HBO Short Film Award at American Black Film Festival 2020</p> <p>Official Selection - For Our People Film Festival 2020</p> <p>Winner - -Best Short Drama & Best Actress at I Will Tell Festival 2020</p> <p>Official Selection - LA Shorts Fest 2020</p> <p>Official Selection - MVAFF 2020</p> <p>Official Selection - BFI London Film Festival 2020</p> <p>Official Selection - 1261 Film Festival 2020</p> <p>Official Selection - Film Africa 2020</p> <p>Official Selection - Leeds International Film Festival 2020</p> <p>Screening - No Direct Flight, Kenya 2020</p> <p>Screening - Monday Movie Night, Kenya 2020</p> <p>Official Selection - Africa Rising International Film Festival 2020</p> <p>Official Selection - African Diaspora International Film Festival (NYADIFF) 2020</p> <p>Official Selection - London Short Film Festival 2021</p> <p>Official Selection - Pan African Film Festival 2021</p> <p>Official Selection - International Film Fest Rotterdam 2021</p>