

MINA BARBER – Writer | Director - 2026

Mina is an early career writer and director from a British Asian working-class background. She is currently writing **CLOSING TIME** (w/t), a 60' film produced by LA Productions which is part of Channel 5's new wave of **PLAY FOR TODAY** championing new voices in British drama. Her pilot script **MONSTER** was selected from over 3,500 scripts and she was invited to be a part of BBC Writers Room – Drama, in 2021, following her participation in the **BBC London Voices** Writers Group. She was then part of CBBC's scripted in-house Mentorship in 2022. Mina has worked on a number of TV shows including writing for **THE BEAKER GIRLS**, the Tracy Beaker spin off, two episodes of the BAFTA award-winning CBeebies show **JOJO and GRAN GRAN** and an episode of BBC **DOCTORS**, and recently 4 episodes of the BAFTA nominated CBeebies **ALPHABLOCKS**.

Mina has worked in theatre as an assistant director and director since 2015. Through a partnership scheme between the SKY ARTS channel and Theatre Royal Stratford East, Mina was invited to become an Associate Artist where she directed a 45-minute digital film for the theatre called **HYSTERICAL** (Lyn Gardner Pick of the Week and 4* reviews) and created, lead, and produced a project called **SLAMBITION** for d/Deaf, Disabled, and neurodivergent artists which culminated in a monologue slam night.

In 2023 she was invited to join the inaugural ALUNA Film Labs; ALUNA is a new production company headed by Lauren Dark and Vanessa Kirby. That same year Mina was also long listed for the national Pitch Film Fund with her 2-minute storyboard video pitch for a short film called **MOWHAWK**. Recently from 2023 to 2024 Mina took part in the Certificate for Filmmaking course at NFTS to continue to develop her skills in filmmaking and had the opportunity to shadow on the set of the hit BBC Comedy/Drama **BOARDERS**. In 2024 Mina's short film script **MUMMY'S BOY** was longlisted for the BFI short film fund and the Slick Film Fund and was placed as a semi-finalist for the international Shore Scripts Short Film Fund. Most recently Mina's short film script **HOT SAUCE** reached the quarter finals of the BBC Comedy/Female Pilot Club's 2025 comedy initiative.

WRITING CREDITS:

2025/26	LA Productions	PLAY FOR TODAY CLOSING TIME w/t	Channel 5
2024	Blue Zoo Animation BBC Studios	ALPHABLOCKS x 4 Episodes	BBC iPlayer
Jan-24	BBC	DOCTORS	BBC One & BBC iPlayer
Nov-23	CBeebies	JO JO & GRAN GRAN x 2 Episodes	CBeebies & BBC iPlayer
Jun-23	BFI Network	DON'T KICK THE DOG	Short Film Development

Apr-22	CBBC	THE BEAKER GIRLS	CBBC & BBC iPlayer
Jul-21	Documental Theatre	DONUT	National Prison Radio
Feb-20	Tamasha Theatre	HEAR ME NOW	Theatre 503