

NICHOLA McAULIFFE – Writer - 2026

Nichola is a writer, director and multi award-winning actor. In 2025/25 she has been part of a key story-line in **EASTENDERS** portraying Brenda Collins and was recently seen in BBC One's acclaimed series **THE ENGLISH** as Black Eyed Mog as well as Mrs Blake in the film **LIVING** starring Bill Nighy. She is best known for her role as Sheila Sabatini in the sitcom **SURGICAL SPIRIT**, numerous television and film roles and for her work on stage including the Olivier-winning Best Actress in a Musical role in **KISS ME KATE**.

Nichola is a published playwright with her two most successful plays **MAURICE'S JUBILEE** (National Tour with ATG, Edinburgh Fringe, & The Moscow Art Theatre: winning The Moscow Art Theatre Award & Medal) and **A BRITISH SUBJECT**. The latter was nominated for an Amnesty Award (Edinburgh Fringe, New York and London 2009), and both are published by Oberon/Bloomsbury.

MAURICE'S JUBILEE has been licensed for performance by the National Theatre of Hungary in 2026, directed by award-winning director Victor Ryzhakov, who was formerly artistic director at Moscow's Meyerhold Theater and Cultural Center.

Nichola is currently working on a TV Drama series and her screenplay for **MAURICE'S JUBILEE**, which is in development, won the GloTIME Best Screenplay Award for 2019. Her television crime drama series **SPILSBURY** is in development by Free@LastTV in association with The Welcome Trust.

Further plays include: **TEA WITH QUEEN MARY** (The Pleasance, Edinburgh 2019), **REVENANTS** (Edinburgh 2018), **THE SILVER GYM** (Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch), and **NATIONAL HERO** (Edinburgh & National Tour 2005).

Her radio plays for BBC R4 include **A BRITISH SUBJECT**, **THE INCOMPARABLE WITNESS** and **MY BROTHER'S KEEPER**.

Nichola has had two novels published by Bloomsbury: **THE CRIME TZAR** loosely based on Macbeth and **A FANNY FULL OF SOAP**, a comic novel about the pre-West End run of a stage musical. Her children's story, **ATTILA, LOOLAGAX AND THE EAGLE** was also published by Bloomsbury. Nichola is a regular contributor to newspapers.

Nichola's husband was the Daily Mirror crime reporter and Fleet Street legend, Don MacKay.

