



Sophia Chetin-Leuner

Writer

Film, TV & Theatre

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Biography

Sophia is a writer from London. Her play THIS MIGHT NOT BE IT was shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Playwriting (2020). In 2024, it received an extended, sell-out run at the Bush Theatre. It was published by Nick Hern Books. It was first developed when Sophia was on the Bush Theatre's Emerging Writers' Group (2018-19).

Sophia received the Dalio Foundation Scholarship to study at NYU Tisch's Dramatic Writing MFA (2016-8). Sophia began writing PORN PLAY while there, which was also shortlisted for the Women's Prize and was a finalist for the Verity Bargate Award (2022). It debuted at the Royal Court Upstairs in November 2025, in a critically acclaimed, sold-out run directed by Josie Rourke and starring Ambika Mod.

In 2023, Sophia joined BBC's Writer's Room, where writers were selected from a nationwide open call and Sophia was one of just thirteen chosen from almost 5000 submissions (2022-3). Her pilot FIX was shortlisted for the C21 Drama Script competition (2021). In 2024, Sophia was selected for the BBC's Writers Pilot cohort, a year long scheme partnering writers with production companies for the opportunity to write the first episode of a potential BBC commissioned original drama series or serial. Sophia is writing her pilot for Greenacre Films.

Credits

In Development

Production	Company	Notes
OPEN WOUNDS	Greenacre Productions / BBC	TV show in development
ONLY GIRL	Two Brothers / ITV	Original pilot in development
TWICE REMOVED		Original pilot as part of the BBC Writer's Room, 2022-23
THE MONEY WHEEL		Film adaptation with SF studios
RESTORATION	Mam Tor/ BBC	New series in development
THE TUTOR	Mam Tor	New TV project in development
GENDER STUDIES	Lucky Doll	Original pilot in development
FIX		TV spec pilot *Shortlisted C21 Media drama script competition

Theatre

Production	Company	Notes
PORN PLAY 2025	Royal Court Theatre	Dir. Josie Rourke *Finalist Verity Bargate Award 2022 *Shortlisted Women's Prize for Playwriting 2020
THIS MIGHT NOT BE IT 2024	Bush Theatre Studio	Dir. Ed Madden *Shortlisted Women's Prize for Playwriting 2020 *Longlisted Verity Bargate Award 2020 *Published by Nick Hern Books, 2024
CLICK & COLLECT 2020	M6 Theatre Company	Short play commission as part of their series: Love in the Time of Corona Stories
LEAVING EDEN 2019	Scene Gym / Park Theatre	Rehearsed reading July 2019 Dir. Sarah Meadows *Shortlisted Paines Plough Women's Prize for Playwriting 2020
SAVE + QUIT 2016 - 2018	UK & Ireland Tour	The New Theatre, Dublin Vault Festival, London Burton Taylor Studio, Oxford Playhouse Assembly George Square, Edinburgh Fringe *Best of the Vault, 2017 *Pick of the Week, Irish Times 2018 *Published by Nick Hern Books, 2017 *Winner of London Student Drama Festival 2015
ASH 2016	Park Theatre / HighTide Festival	