

Jessica Riches

Writer



Jessica Riches is a London-based writer, best known for the stupid things she used to say about the internet, persuading Hugh Grant to join Twitter, and getting an injunction instead of graduating from her university. She draws on her decade of experience working in political lobbies and tech start-ups, her activism and various legal challenges with authority, her crazy family and queer community, her surprisingly young divorce, and her burning desire to save this crumbling planet.

Her first short film, horror romance **BEAUTIFUL THINGS** (House38 and RWI Productions) is being submitted to festivals, directed by Maya Zupano (Institute Artists) and starring Tallulah Haddon (*The Last Duel*, *Black Mirror: Bandersnatch*), Loreece Harrison (*Pennyworth*, *Misbehaviour*, *Black Mirror*) and Tom Stourton (*All My Friends Hate Me*, *About Time*, *Stath Lets Flats*). She's currently working on three additional short films, including a proof-of-concept for her feature **UNCLE LUKE** produced by and starring Mike Parr (*Emmerdale*).

Jessica co-founded the **MESSY WOMEN** new writing collective and showcase with Sorcha Kurien-Walsh (BBC Studios, *Rivals* on Disney+) and Isobel Bruce (Ingenue Theatre), focused on building a fun and inclusive space for writers to connect and experiment with new work that interrogates the media's portrayal of troubled women.

Agents

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Credits

In Development

| Production | Company | Notes |
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| BEAUTIFUL THINGS 2023 | House38 & RWI Films | - Short Film - Directed by Maya Zupano - Starring Tallulah Haddon and Tom Stourton |

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| THE SHARED 2023 | Uleye Films | - Writer - Short Film |
| RESCUE 2023 | Uleye Films | - Short Film - Writer |
| UNCLE LUKE 2023 | Mike Parr | - Short Film - Writer - Produced by and starring Mike Parr |
| LIFESTYLE 2023 | | - Comedy Pilot - The Hot House Climate Development Lab longlist (BFI Network and BBC Writersroom) |
| DADDY'S GIRL 2023 | | - BBC Writersroom top 12% |
| ALWAYS, FOREVER 2023 | | - Fantasy Feature - Co-written with Harry Robertson (4Screenwriting 2022) |
| SATURNINE 2021 | | - 30' Dramey / Sad-Com Pilot - Edinburgh TV Festival 2021: New Voices: Comedy Writing Award Nominee - BBC Writersroom top 10% - Stowe Writers Lab finalist |
| TREASURE 2021 | | - 60' YA Drama Pilot - BBC Writersroom final 50 - CannesUnlimited Finalist - Screencraft Fellowship Semi-Finalist |

Theatre

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| TANGELD WHITE LIES 2018 | Arcola | - Writer - Presented as part of the Arcola's Brave New Word Festival |