Athena Kugblenu

Writer and Comedian

Comedy writer, author, performer and broadcaster with credits across television, radio, children's programming, streaming content, theatre and journalism.

Selected credits

Theatre, Circus & Film

SHOWDOWN (Creator/Writer/Co-Director, 2024-2025 for Upswing and Chamäleon Berlin.
Common Ground (Writer/Actor, short film, 2024)

Television & Streaming Writing – Comedy/Drama

Crongton (New Pictures, Writer, 2025)
Dating Horror Stories (Mother's Best Child/Comedy Central) Writer, 2024-2025

Television Writing – Entertainment/Topical

The Last Leg (Open Mic, Writer 2025-present)
Blankety Blank (BBC Studios, Additional Material Writer, 2023)
Richard Hammond's Brain Reaction (Chimp Television, Writer, 2022)
Late Night Mash (Endemol, Writer, 2021-2022)
Hypothetical (Hat Trick, Additional Material Writer, 2021-2022)
The Russell Howard Hour (Avalon, Writer, 2020-2022)
Yesterday, Today & The Day Before (Comedy Central, Co-Host, Writer, 2021)
Frankie Boyle's New World Order (Endemol, Writer, 2020-2021)

Children's Television

Odd Squad (BBC Kids and Families, Writer, 2024 to present)
Rafi the Wishing Wizard (BBC Kids and Families, Writer, 2026)
Waffle's After School Club (BBC Kids and Families, Writer, 2026)
Something Special (BBC Kids and Families, Writer, 2026)
Supertato (BBC Kids and Families, Writer, 2025)
Horrible Histories (Lion TV, Writer, 2019-2025)

Further credits include, Jo Jo and Gran Gran, The Amelia Gething Complex, Swashbuckle and Crackerjack!, Demi-Cel (dev.) and Magic Gyaldem (dev.)

Radio & Audio Writing

Breaking the News (BBC Scotland, Writer/Panelist, 2016 to present)
The News Quiz (BBC Studios, Writer/Panelist, 2016 to present)
The Exploding Library (Overcoat Media, Host/Writer, 2023)
DMs are Open (BBC Studio, Host/Writer, 2022-2023)
Athena's Cancel Culture (BBC Studios, Creator/Writer/Performer, 2021)
Athena Kugblenu: Magnifying Class (BBC Studios, Creator/Writer/Performer, 2022)

Dead Ringers (BBC Studios, Writer 2020-2022)
Newsjack (BBC Studios, Writer, 2020-2021)
The Now Show (BBC Studios, Writer/Performer 2017-2022)
BAMESHOW (BBC Studios, Writer, 2020)
The Lenny Henry Show (BBC Studios, Writer 2020)
Sketchtopia (Gusman Productions, Lead Writer/Writer, 2018-2020)

Books

History's Most Epic Fibs (Hachette, Author, 2024)
History's Most Epic Fails (Hachette, Author, 2025)

Journalism & Print

Contributor to:

The Guardian
Stylist Magazine
Time Out

Awards & Recognition

BBC New Comedy Award Finalist (2015)
BBC Comedy Writers' Room member (2019/20)
BBC Felix Dexter Bursary award (2020)
Funny Women Awards, Best Comedy Writer Top 3 (2021)
BBC Radio 4 Pick of The Year (2022)
Best Comedy Short, European Short Film Festival (2024)
Diverse Book Awards Longlist (2026)