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Bio

Hannah is a writer and former actor from Warwickshire, now based in London. Her work considers themes of mixed heritage identity, addiction and the intersection between class and race, often through the lens of football.

Hannah’s acclaimed one woman show ENG-ER-LAND, which she wrote and performed, toured to over 30 venues between February 2022 and August 2023, funded by Arts Council England and The Football Supporter’s Association. ENG-ER-LAND is inspired by Hannah’s experiences as a teenage football fan of mixed heritage growing up in the late 90s. She appeared on BBC Newsnight, BBC Squad Goals, TalkSport, BBC Sportshour and numerous podcasts, and the play was nominated for Best Stage Production at the 2022 Asian Media Awards.

Hannah’s debut short film Devi – ദേവി which she wrote and starred in alongside Nina Wadia and Jonny Fines was commissioned by Sky Arts, Coventry City of Culture, The Space Arts, Shoot Festival and Arts Council England, and was broadcast on Sky Arts in May 2022.

Hannah is currently developing and writing the libretto for a brand new opera with BAFTA-winning opera director PJ Harris. Displaced: A Woolwich Arsenal Opera is inspired by the history of Arsenal FC in the munitions factories of Woolwich, and eventual move to North London. Displaced premiered as a work-in-progress to a sold out audience at Woolwich Works in September 2023 with realisation of the full opera planned for September 2025.

Hannah is also currently under commission with OperaUpClose and Eastern Angles Theatre Company.