

Adjani Salmon

Writer/Director/Actor

Adjani is an award-winning writer, actor and director who hails from Jamaica. In 2013, Adjani moved to the UK to pursue his Masters in Directing Film. He went on to write, producer and star in an 9 part web series, DREAMING WHILST BLACK, in 2018 which won 36 Awards from 32 international film festivals.



Adjani filmed the pilot of DREAMING WHILST BLACK for the BBC in early 2021. Once again, Adjani starred in the lead role alongside his writing and producing roles. The Radio Times wrote: "Salmon's takes on modern city life, racism and the pain of a self-sabotaging artist are more than enough for a full series." The pilot was nominated for an international Emmy and Adjani won the 2022 BAFTA for Emerging Talent: Fiction and the Royal Television Society's 2022 Breakthrough Award.

Over the summer of 2021, Adjani filmed a lead role (alongside fellow guest-star, Aisling Bea, and the Doctor) in the DOCTOR WHO festive special. The special was released on New Year's Day to effusive praise from critics and audiences. Adjani then starred opposite Sarah Solemani, Steve Coogan, Paul Rudd and Sienna Miller as series regular, Aston, in CHIVALRY for Channel 4.

The first season of DREAMING WHILST BLACK was released on BBC3 in July of 2023 and Showtime in the US in September 2023 and received unanimous praise. Adjani was nominated for Best Breakthrough Performance in a new Scripted Series and the series was nominated for Best New Scripted Series at the 2024 Independent Spirit Awards. Adjani was also nominated for Best Male Performance in a Comedy and the series was nominated for Best Scripted Comedy at the 2024 BAFTA Televisions Awards.

Adjani was named a 2022 'Star of Tomorrow' by [Screen Daily](#).

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Credits

In Development

| Production | Company | Notes |
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| D.R.E.A.D. 2021 | Beano Studios | Writer/Creator |
| THE EVANGELIST 2021 | Vertigo | Writer/Creator |
| GABBY'S 2023 | BBC Studios | Creator/Writer |

Television

| Production | Company | Notes |
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| DREAMING WHILST BLACK 2023 | A24/Big Deal Films/ BBC Three | TV adaptation of the web series. Creator, writer and executive producer |
| DREAMING WHILST BLACK 2018 | 4Quarter Films | 9 part comedy web series. *Winner of Best UK Series, UK Web Fest *Winner of Best Web Series, Life After Life Film Festival *Nominee for Best Comedy Writing, IAWTV Awards *Nominee for Best Web Series, Bilbao Series Land *Official Selection, The Independent Television Festival |

Short Films

| Production | Company | Notes |
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| HIS FATHER'S SON 2015 | | *Short Film Corner, Cannes Film Festival *Nominee for Best Screenplay, GATTFEST Film Festival *Official Selection, Montreal World Film Festival *Official Selection, Blackstar Film Festival *Official Selection, Portobello Road Film Festival |
| #MyBlackStar 2016 | BFI | 4-minute short documentary commissioned by the BFI for their Blackstar Season. Ashley Walters, Ozwald Boateng and Menelik Shabazz discuss their Black Stars and the ground breaking work that has inspired them. |