



## Alys Metcalf

**CATEGORIES:** Film / TV / Theatre

**AGENT:** Georgina Ruffhead

Alys is a Welsh writer (although spent some of her formative years living on a tiny island in The Isles of Scilly). She's a member of this year's BBC Cornish Voices group and last year's BBC Comedy Room. Her interactive story, *The Act*, was commissioned by BBC Taster and was released earlier this year. Her TV sitcom, *The Home*, was optioned by production company, Hartswood, and she has developed another sitcom and two shorts with Sharon Horgan's company, Merman. In terms of radio, Alys has been part of the writer's room for BBC Radio Wales's topical comedy show, *The Leak*. Her short film, *Remnants*, won the main award for Best Film and Best Writing in the International 100 Hour Film Racing competition. It was screened at The Hackney Empire, as part of the London Short Film Festival. As a playwright, Alys's writing includes five-star, sell-out hit, *You Only Live Forever* at SOHO Theatre, *Reel Life* at Ustinov Studio Theatre Royal Bath, and *Unearthed*, which was chosen as one of the Guardian Readers' Favourite plays of 2015 and enjoyed a successful UK tour, playing the Arcola, Hull Truck and Cheltenham Everyman theatres, amongst others. Alys is the Co-Artistic Director of Viscera Theatre (*In Tents and Purposes*, SOHO Theatre + UK Tour), whose Patron is playwright Nick Payne. She trained under the Royal Court Young Writers and Criterion Theatre writing programmes. She is a recipient of two Peggy Ramsay awards.

### TV

*The Act* – BBC Taster platform / Charisma AI – interactive story commissioned

BBC Writersroom – attended workshop for digital interactive drama project

*The Home* – Hartswood Films – Original script optioned

*Sticking* – Merman – Original script in Development

### THEATRE

*You Only Live Forever* – Soho Theatre

*Unearthed* – Folio Theatre – Arcola Theatre Arts Council England/Carers Trust UK – Hull Truck Studio, Salisbury Playhouse Salberg, Cheltenham Everyman

*Reel Life* – Folio Theatre – Ustinov, Theatre Bath Royal/ St. James Theatre, Studio

### FILM

*Remnants (Short Film)* London Short Film Festival Winner of International 100-hour Film Racing Award

### RADIO

*The Leak* – Rubber Chicken Productions/ BBC Wales – Writers' Room

**AWARDS/GRANTS**

Runner up in 2017 Comedy Central's Funny Women Awards (with writing partner Roxy Dunn)

Peggy Ramsay Foundation grant for development

*Unearthed* chosen as one of *The Guardian Readers Favourite Plays of 2015*

'Best Writing' for the worldwide 100 Hour Film Racing competition

'Best Film' main prize for the worldwide 100 hour Film Racing competition

**TRAINING**

BBC Comedy Writers Room 2018 (with writing partner Roxy Dunn)

Criterion New Writers Programme

Royal Court Young Writer's Programme

Co-Artistic Director of Viscera Theatre Company- Patron, Nick Payne