



Zarqa Nawaz
Writer/Producer/Director

www.zarqanawaz.com

www.imdb.com

TV – Writing/Producing/Directing/Acting (Selected credits)

- 2022 LAYLA IS RELEVANT (Window Dreams Productions)
-Story Editor
- 2022 ZARQA (web series, CBC Gem)
-streaming on CBC Gem
-Showrunner
-Creator of series, executive producer, writer and lead actor
- <https://gem.cbc.ca/media/zarqa/s01>
- 2007-2012 Little Mosque on the Prairie (½ hour comedy, CBC)
-Creator of series, writer, consulting producer and director
-Highest ratings for CBC in over 20 years; sold to over 65 countries
-Winner of a Gemini Award 2007, 2009; Rose D'Or, Switzerland 2009; Rome -
Maximo Award @ Roma FictionFest, 2007; Best Comedy, Banff Television Awards
- 2007; Media Awards (Muslim Public Affairs Council), Los Angeles 2007
- streaming on Amazon
- primevideo.com
- 2005 **Me and The Mosque (feature documentary, NFB)**
- writer
- premiered at the Montreal International Film Festival
- www.nfb.ca
- 2006 **Fred's Burqa (short)**
- writer, director
- broadcast on Canadian Reflections, CBC
- 1998 **Death Threat (short)**
- writer, director
- premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival, 1998
- Broadcast on Canadian Reflections, CBC
- 1996 **BBQ Muslims (short)**
- writer, director
- premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival
was featured in Daniel Richler's CBC Newsworld show, *Big Life*

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TV – Comedy Pilots Sold To US networks

- 2007 **ABC Blind Pilot Script (1/2 hour comedy)**
- 2008 **CBS Blind Pilot Script (1/2 hour comedy)**
- 2009 **NBC Blind Pilot Script (1/2 hour comedy)**
- 2010 **Fox Blind Pilot Script (1/2 hour comedy)**

Publishing

- 2014 **Laughing All The Way To The Mosque**
Memoir, (Harper Collins in Canada, Virago Press, UK & US)
-Shortlisted for Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour
-Shortlisted Kobo Emerging Writer Prize
-Shortlisted for two Saskatchewan book Awards
- 2020 **Jameela Green Ruins Everything**
Novel, (Simon & Schuster in Canada, HarperCollins, US)
-Published 2022

Journalism

- 2018 Host of the Morning Edition, CBC Radio One's Regina morning show
- 2019 Anchor of CBC's Saskatchewan News at Six
- 2017 Advice Columnist, Globe and Mail

Selected Articles

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| 5 ways President Trump Could be Good For Muslims | Funny or Die |
| How to Write a Sitcom About Muslims: Carefully | Lenny Letter |
| My Canadian Sanctuary: What The Mosque Means to Me | The Globe and Mail |
| Today's Youtube Muslims Don't Care About Cartoons | The Sunday Times |

Selected Keynote Presentations/Speaking Engagements

Georgetown University, Washington D.C.; Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.; All Dulles Area Muslim Society, Sterling, VA; Busboy & Poets, Washington D.C.; Fordham University, New York, N.Y.; U.S. State Department, Washington D.C.

Education

B.Sc University of Toronto
Honorary Doctor of Divinity,

B.A.A. Ryerson University (Journalism)
University of Saskatchewan
-Honorary Diploma, NorQuest College