

WHERE YOU
FROM FROM?

"Brilliant hour of comedy" **Broadway Baby - Edinburgh** ★★★★★

ALIYA KANANI

COMEDIAN AND CANADIAN ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATED ACTRESS



Award-winning comedy show with comedian and Canadian academy award-nominated actress **ALIYA KANANI**

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Winner of Best of Fest – Ottawa Fringe

Winner of Patron's Pick – Toronto Fringe

"FEEL CONNECTED TO HUMANITY THROUGH HUMOUR"

Fourth wall Media (Perth, Australia) ★★★★★

"BRILLIANT HOUR OF COMEDY."

Broadway Baby (Edinburgh, Scotland) ★★★★★



"WHILE HER 'OTHERNESS' IS THE CENTRAL THEME... THE HEART OF KANANI'S SHOW IS IN FORMING A 'TOGETHERNESS' WITH THE ROOM AND HER AUDIENCE."

My Melbourne Arts (Melbourne, Australia)

"SHE AND THE SHOW ARE A TREAT."

Toronto Star (Toronto, Canada)

AN OVERVIEW:

Aliya has led a nomadic lifestyle before it was trending, with one question that has followed her around the world:

Where are you FROM?

**Well, she's made up of 30 countries, 10 schools and 6 languages...
...so great question!**

In her award-winning show, audiences join Aliya on a turbulent journey around the world with her tales of fitting in, sticking out and standing up.

Celebrated for its humor and deep engagement with themes of identity and belonging, this show resonates with audiences from all walks of life. As she disarms her audience with laughter and playful mischief, Aliya tackles complex topics like race, gender, and social labels, while debunking assumptions through her own stories and representation.

This show has sold out at some of the biggest festivals around the world, including Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Just for Laughs, Sydney Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Fringe and Fringe World.





A LITTLE PREVIEW:

Growing up, Aliya relocated with her family from one Canadian city to the next, and then when she was 14 they moved to East Africa! Constantly trying to find belonging in places she didn't fit in, Aliya learned to take up space in her ever-changing surroundings. As the new kid on the block, she was an easy target, until she learned the best way to handle a bully is to beat them to the punch!

Aliya's nomadic upbringing gave her a taste for movement and adventure. Embracing her vagabond rhythm, naturally she became a flight attendant.

Along her travels, Aliya immersed herself in different cultures, learning about humanity through the people she encountered. With her curious nature she'd occasionally get into trouble, but she somehow she always talked her way out. Usually by making people laugh - sometimes without knowing their language!

WHAT ELSE?

In addition to standup comedy, Aliya writes for TV and performs on the big screen. In 2022, she was nominated for a Canadian academy award for her Leading Role in the Best Motion Picture film 'Scarborough'.

FUN FACT: After its theatrical release, the film was added added to the movie selection on the same airplanes she used to work on as a flight attendant. She went from inflight service to inflight entertainment!



THINGS TO NOTE:

The show can be adjusted to your needs, with a shorter and 'cleaner' version available for schools.

Also, this one-woman show is eligible for theatre grants.

SHOW LENGTH:

This show can be adapted anywhere between 60-90 minutes depending on your needs. For a typical theatre show, Aliya does a 90-minute show with a short intermission.

TECH REQUIREMENTS:

Well this is where things are very easy. A mic and some basic stage lighting is all that is needed. Now if you have a mic stand and a stool that would be great!

SIZZLE REEL:

[click this link for a short preview](#)

Full length show and / or 15-minute showcase preview available by request.

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