



ESTHER WILSON

Agent: Conrad Williams

Biography: Esther is a multi-award-winning writer who has written for stage, radio, and TV. Her TV credits include episodes of THE STREET, ACCUSED, CALL THE MIDWIFE, MOVING ON, JUSTICE and CLINK.

She is the recipient of an Amnesty International freedom of expression award for her play UNPROTECTED and was shortlisted for the Susan Blackburn Smith award for TEN TINY TOES. She was also a writer-in-residence at warehouse9, Copenhagen's Avant-Garde theatre venue.

Her single drama, THE PURSUITS OF DARLEEN FYLES, was developed into a Woman's Hour series. It is now in its tenth year and one of the lead actors, Edmund Davies, won Best Actor in the Audio Drama Awards 2022. Her single drama TONY TEARDROP also went on to become a Radio 4 series. Esther wrote COLLAPSE, episode 3 of the Radio 4 series FAULT LINES, starring Glenda Jackson, and the original single drama THE WILD WOMAN OF THE NORTH, broadcast on Radio 4 in 2023.

She has several projects in development, including an original series for Buffalo Pictures entitled NO TURNING BACK.

NOMINATIONS & AWARDS

WINNER: (2006) Amnesty International Freedom of Expression Award – UNPROTECTED (Original play)

WINNER: (2005) Mental Health in Media Award – HIDING LEONARD COHEN (Radio play)

SHORTLISTED: (2008-9) the Susan Blackburn Smith Award - TEN TINY TOES (Original play)

In Development

NO TURNING BACK	Returnable TV Series Buffalo Pictures	<i>A middle-class social worker and a working-class support worker, each with their own demons, start off as enemies but when lines are crossed, they are forced to choose between justice and the law.</i> Treatment commission.
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Television Credits

CLINK	2018	2 X 45' episodes. LA Productions/Channel 5	<i>A group of women are thrust together by their life choices as they establish a sisterhood amongst the prison walls.</i> Returning Series.
MOVING ON, SERIES 10	2018	1 x 45', 'A Walk in My Shoes' LA Productions/BBC	<i>Series of daytime plays set in contemporary Britain, all sharing the theme of someone going through some kind of life change.</i> Returning Series.

MOVING ON, SERIES 8	2017	1 x 45', 'Our House' LA Productions/BBC	Returning Series.
MOVING ON, SERIES 5	2014	1 x 45', 'Hush Little Baby' LA Productions/BBC	Returning Series.
MOVING ON, SERIES 3	2012	1 x 45', 'The Poetry of Silence' LA Productions/BBC	Returning Series.
SECRETS AND WORDS: A LESSON IN TIME	2012	1 x 45' episode LA Productions/BBC	<i>Series of individual dramas, all on the theme of people whose lives are affected by reading or writing difficulties.</i> One-Off Series.
CALL THE MIDWIFE, SERIES 1	2012	1 x 52', 'Baby Snatcher' Neal Street Productions	<i>The lives of a group of midwives living in East London in the late 1950s to late 1960s.</i> Returning Series.

MOVING ON, SERIES 2	2010	1 x 45', 'I Am Darleen Fyles' LA Productions/BBC	Returning Series.
ACCUSED	2010	1 x 60', 'Kenny's Story' RSJ Productions	<i>Each episode examines a person who is accused of a crime and what led them to end up in the Dock.</i> Returning Series
THE STREET, SERIES 3	209	1 x 60', 'Scar' Sita Williams/Jimmy McGovern/RSJ Productions	<i>Series of one-off dramas, each focusing on a different house within the same street.</i> Returning Series.
MOVING ON, SERIES 1	2009	1 x 45', 'Butterfly Effect' Colin McKeown /Jimmy McGovern	Returning Series.

Radio Credits

THE WILD WOMAN OF THE NORTH	2023	BBC Audio Drama North	<i>Inspired by a 'Wild Living' Community in Wales, a family moves to the countryside to try a new way of life that is closer to nature. They are recovering from a family tragedy. Will this new way of life heal them?</i> One-Off Drama
THE PURSUITS OF DARLEEN FYLES, SERIES 10	2020	1 Episode Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	<i>A week in the life of Darleen Fyles, a young woman with learning disabilities.</i> Returning Series.
MONEY, SEX AND BLOOD, SERIES 1	2019	1 Episode, 'Collapse' Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	<i>Inspired by Emile Zola's Rougon-Macquart cycle, Glenda Jackson stars in a new drama series that highlights different aspects of contemporary Britain.</i> Returning Series.
ME MYSELF I	2018	44' Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	<i>Based on true stories, three interlinked short dramas exploring loneliness. A girl of 13 struggles at school and with social media, a middle-aged woman discovers</i>

			<p><i>loneliness through her marriage, and an elderly woman in the first week in a care home inhabit this poignant and thoughtful drama.</i></p> <p>One-off Drama.</p>
THE PURSUITS OF DARLEEN FYLES, SERIES 9	2017	<p>1 Episode</p> <p>Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama</p>	Returning Series.
THE PURSUITS OF DARLEEN FYLES, SERIES 8	2016	<p>1 Episode</p> <p>Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama</p>	Returning Series.
SONNETS IN THE CITY: AFTER SUNSET FADES	2017	<p>One-off Drama.</p> <p>Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama</p>	<p><i>At night in Manchester a girl plans to end her life, though an old lady has other ideas. Reader: Maxine Peake.</i></p> <p>Part of a season to celebrate Shakespeare.</p>
THE PURSUITS OF DARLEEN FYLES, SERIES 7	2015	1 Episode	Returning Series.

		Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	
THE PURSUITS OF DARLEEN FYLES, SERIES 6	2014	1 Episode Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	Returning Series.
TONY TEARDROP	2014	2 Episodes Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	<i>Based on true stories, this is a biting and sometimes humorous play about homeless people and people living on the breadline.</i> Single Drama.
THE PURSUITS OF DARLEEN FYLES, SERIES 5	2013	1 Episode Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	Returning Series.
THE PURSUITS OF DARLEEN FYLES, SERIES 4	2012	1 Episode Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	Returning Series.

THE PURSUITS OF DARLEEN FYLES, SERIES 3	2010	1 Episode Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	Returning Series.
THE PURSUITS OF DARLEEN FYLES, SERIES 2	2009	1 Episode Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	Returning Series.
THE PURSUITS OF DARLEEN FYLES, SERIES 1	2008	1 Episode Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	Returning Series.
THE PURSUITS OF DARLEEN FYLES	2007	Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	Single Radio drama later recommissioned as Woman's hour series.
WRITING OF HARLOTS	2007	Polly Thomas/BBC Radio Drama	30' Radio 3 piece for the BBC's Freethinking Festival.
SAFE AS HOUSES	2006	Pauline Harris/Sue Roberts/ BBC Radio Drama	Radio 3 version of UNPROTECTED

HUSH LITTLE BABY	2006	Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	Single Drama.
HIDING LEONARD COHEN	2004	Pauline Harris/BBC Radio Drama	Single Drama. Winner- Mental Health in Media Award.

Theatre Credits

MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT	2019	For International Women's Day	Co-devisor.
Christmas Show	2019	Warehouse9 Theatre	Director.
Artist in Residence	2014	Warehouse9 Theatre	
TONY TEARDROP	2013	Cut to the Chase Productions	Site-specific theatre piece

THE QUIET LITTLE ENGLISHMAN	2008	Liverpool's Capital of Culture Company & Zho Physical Theatre	Site-specific theatre piece
TEN TINY TOES	2008	Liverpool Everyman Playhouse	
UNPROTECTED	2006	Liverpool Everyman Playhouse/ Traverse Theatre Edinburgh	Winner - Amnesty International Freedom of Expression Award
WALK THE PLANK: Noah's Ark	2006	Touring Theatre.	Co-written with Lee Beagley.
MY EYES... YOUR SMILE	2005	West Yorkshire Playhouse/ Liverpool Everyman	Rehearsed Reading
SOUL SKIN	2004	Wendy Harris / Red Ladder Theatre Company	Touring Theatre