

MAUREEN BHAROOCHA

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Maureen Bharoocha is a Los Angeles based writer/director. Maureen's feature debut was the arm wrestling comedy, **Golden Arm**, which sold to **HBO** and premiered in 2021. She recently directed her 2nd feature film, **The Prank**, a dark comedy starring Rita Moreno, Keith David and Ramona Young. It will premiere at **SXSW 2022** in March. Currently, Maureen is set to direct and is co-writing a new horror comedy feature, **Tina's 40th Birthday Party**, with Mary Holland and Betsy Sodaro, Sharon Horgan's **Merman** is attached to produce.

Previously Maureen was a segment director on **Jimmy Kimmel Live!** for three seasons and started her career with her short film, **Abajee** (shot on the streets of Karachi), which premiered at the **Santa Barbara International Film Festival**. Maureen was then commissioned by **Sprinkles Cupcakes** to create a film series in which she wrote and directed 10 shorts based on their cupcake flavors.

Maureen is half Irish Catholic and half Indian-Pakistani Burmese Muslim. Because of her mixed background, Maureen enjoys telling stories about complicated characters, bending genres and is a master at tone. She has directed episodes of Peacock's **Saved by the Bell**, **Drama Club** and the series **Edith!**, a narrative podcast by QCode starring Rosamund Pike.

Maureen was named one of **Indie Wire's rising female directors in 2020**, she was on **HBO's 2018 Director's list**, and nominated for the **SXSW 2020 Adam Yauch Hörnblowér Visionary directing Award**.

FEATURE FILMS

THE PRANK	Sneak Thief	XRM Media
GOLDEN ARM	Utopia	HBO

TELEVISION

SAVED BY THE BELL	Peacock	NBC-Universal	Dir. Episode 207
CRANK YANKERS	Comedy Central	Jackhole Industries	Dir. Episode 607
DRAMA CLUB	Nickelodeon	Awesomeness TV	Dir. Episode 107 & 108
JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE!	ABC	Disney	Segment Dir. 2016-2019

OTHER

JONAS BROS FAMILY ROAST	Netflix	Netflix Studios	Director - Cold Open
EDITH! (Podcast Series)	QCode	Crooked Media	Series Director
SPRINKLES SHORTS	short film series	Sprinkles Cupcakes	Series Director
HAIRPIN BENDER	short film		Writer/Director

AFFILIATIONS

Director Member, Director's Guild of America 2017 - present
Co-Lead, The Women's Steering Committee Squad, Director's Guild of America, 2020- present
Alternate Co-Chair, Asian American Steering Committee, Director's Guild of America 2021 - present
NBC- Universal Female Forward Participant 2020
HBO's Director's List 2018

AWARDS

Indie Wire's Rising Female Directors of 2020
SXSW Adam Yauch Hörnblowér Visionary Directing Award - Golden Arm 2020
Santa Barbara Int. Film Festival, Short Film in Competition – Hairpin Bender 2017
Sundance Writer's Workshop, Semifinalist Screenplay – Mornie 2013

EDUCATION

Boston University - MFA in Directing
Rhode Island College - BA in Film Studies

Learn about Maureen's unusual background and directing path here:
<https://www.talkhouse.com/from-cupcakes-to-kimmel-movies-and-beyond/>