

# PORTFOLIO

## Introduction

Toyin Taiwo is a British Nigerian director, writer, author, educator (Qualified Teacher Status), and creative strategist whose work spans theatre, film, documentary, and educational practice. She builds stories with clarity and intention, moving between stage and screen with the same commitment to authentic, meaningful storytelling.

This portfolio brings together a selection of her creative work, strategic collaborations, and leadership projects through StoryPro.

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## THEATRE WORK

### Dear Diary – Stage Play

#### Writer & Director

A one-woman show exploring culture, faith, identity, expectation, and self-worth. The piece blends live music, movement, storytelling, and voiceovers.

#### Performances:

- Write With Music Festival — Book Reading (Surulere, Lagos | Nov 15, 2025)
- Lagos Fringe Festival — Freedom Park (Lagos | Nov 21, 2025)
- Alliance Française — Full Production (Dec 18–20, 2025)

Toyin leads the artistic vision, staging, performer direction, movement integration, and creative development of the piece.

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### Playwriting (Selected Work)

Toyin writes for stage across genres, often blending emotional realism with cultural and thematic depth.

#### Selected scripts include:

- *Dear Diary – Eunice Chinda* – One-woman stage play (current flagship project)
  - *Next Stop Grief* – Short film
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### Directing (Stage)

Toyin's directing style is rooted in clarity, actor connection, physical storytelling, and an ability to translate narrative into simple but powerful staging. Her experience includes monologue-centred work, ensemble performance, and live music integration.

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## FILM WORK

### StoryPro – Film Projects

As Co-Founder and Managing Director of StoryPro, Toyin develops and oversees narrative-led screen projects driven by cultural depth and strong character arcs.

### Short Films (In Development)

- **Unlocked (2026)** – A drama exploring belonging and memory
- **Placebo (2026)** – A contemporary family story with emotional stakes

Toyin leads concept development, scriptwriting, visual direction, and production strategy.

### Documentary Development

Toyin is shaping a documentary project centred on community stories, lived experience, and cultural perspectives. Her focus is on truthful, respectful narrative framing and high-impact visual storytelling.

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## WRITING PORTFOLIO

### Dear Diary – Short Story Collection

#### To be published by Kingston University Press (2026)

A multi-voiced collection exploring everyday lives, private moments, cultural inheritance, and the things people don't say aloud. The Eunice Chinda story anchors the collection and inspired the stage play.

### Recognitions:

- Guardian & 4th Estate Short Story Prize – Longlisted
  - Penguin Michael Joseph Undiscovered Writers Prize – Longlisted
  - Dubai Cinverse Screenplay awards - Finalist
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### Fiction & Scriptwriting (Selected)

- Original short stories (various themes across culture, faith, regret, relationships, childhood, and identity)
- Stage and screen scripts for StoryPro
- Dramaturgy and story shaping for collaborators

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## **EDUCATIONAL WORK**

### **Educator (Qualified Teacher Status)**

Toyin has taught across primary and secondary settings, with experience in PRUs, SEN classrooms, international schools, and behaviour-focused environments. Her teaching is creative, trauma-informed, and rooted in building confidence.

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### **Curriculum, Lessons & Workshops**

She develops creative learning resources, including:

- Drama & English lesson plans (KS1, KS2, KS3 & KS4)
- Bible drama cards & warm-ups (children's faith-based resources)
- Storytelling & voice workshops
- Ensemble-building sessions
- PSHE-linked creative activities

Her work blends creativity with emotional literacy and reflective practice.

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### **Mentoring & Youth Support**

Toyin mentors young people and early-career professionals across different fields, helping them:

- find clarity
  - build confidence
  - develop creative or academic pathways
  - plan long- and short-term goals
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## **STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS**

### **Yelison – Brand & Communications Lead + Co-Host**

Toyin shapes brand direction, messaging, and communication strategy for Yelison, a mental wellness platform founded by Dr Dorcas Roberts. She also co-hosts the Pure Talk podcast, bringing a culturally rooted, emotionally grounded voice to the conversations.

Her contribution includes:

- content strategy
  - programme shaping
  - communication structure
  - creative input for audio and visual storytelling
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## **Other Collaborations**

Toyin works selectively with organisations on programme design, content development, and concept strategy at a creative or educational level.

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## **STORYPRO**

### **Co-Founder & Managing Director, StoryPro**

StoryPro is a film and storytelling company focused on authentic narratives across stage, screen, and digital platforms.

#### **StoryPro Focus Areas:**

- Short films
- Documentary development
- Story development & scriptwriting
- Creative consulting
- Production strategy
- Educational storytelling initiatives
- Toyin leads creative direction, project development, and the company's long-term vision.

- **MEDIA & PRESS**

#### **Featured On:**

- **Arise News 360** – Coverage of *Dear Diary – Stage Play*
- **Lagos Fringe Festival 2025** – Artist showcase
- **Write With Music Festival 2025** – Book reading
- **Yelison: Pure Talk Podcast** – Co-host and voice contributor
- Additional interviews, panels, and press will be added as projects expand.

## CONTACT

- For collaborations, bookings, or professional enquiries, please visit the **Contact** page.