



Nabil Abdulrashid

Profile

Nabil Abdulrashid is an award-winning comedian and writer.

Nabil has appeared on all of the top comedy entertainment shows, including multiple appearances on: **Live at the Apollo, QI, Have I Got News For You, The Last Leg and Would I Lie To You?** plus **House of Games, An Extra Slice, Pointless Celebrities, 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** and loads more. A practising Muslim, Nabil was also a 'pilgrim' on BBC Two's faith-based show **Pilgrimage**. He has come a long way since being a finalist and Alesha Dixon's golden buzzer on **Britain's Got Talent** in 2020.

In his first tour show, entitled **N.A.B.I.L (Nobody Actually Believed I'd Last)**, he shared hilarious stories about his experiences of the school system in Nigeria, his return to England, how he spent a short time in prison and started performing comedy upon his release. The show was declared "*moving and captivating as well as split-your-sides funny*" (**Evening Standard**) and Nabil praised for his "*genuine humanity... an easy comic to like even before he holds you rapt with his various misadventures*" (**Chortle**).

Nabil received critical acclaim and sell out audiences for his debut **Edinburgh Fringe** show **The Purple Pill**, which he then took on tour. The show was filmed as a stand-up Special and is available to watch on YouTube. His new show **Urban Battuta** has been on tour across the UK, Europe and beyond.

Nabil's comedy has been widely praised in the press. **The Guardian** recognised his "*sardonic intelligence and sharp eye for the absurdities of racial discourse*" and identifies him as "*one of comedy's most honest chroniclers of life's complexities and contradictions*". **The Scotsman** cites him as "*a potent, mischievously entertaining voice*" and **The List** describes him as "*a likeable raconteur with a unique perspective*"

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Awards

Nominee: Best Performance National Reality TV Awards 2021

Winner: Joe.co.uk TV Comedian of the Year 2020

Finalist: Britain's Got Talent 2020

Finalist: Comedy Knights Comedian Of The Year 2015

Finalist: Laughing Horse New Act 2014

Finalist: New Act Of The Year 2013

Winner: Which Religion Is Funniest? 2010

Credits

TV

- Silence is Golden (Guest, U, 2025)
- The Last Leg (Guest, Channel 4, 2023-2025)
- Would I Lie To You? (Guest, BBC1, 2025)
- QI (Guest, BBC, 2023-2025)
- Have I Got News For You (Guest, BBC1, 2022-2024)
- The Last Leg in Paris (Guest, Channel 4, 2024)
- Battle in the Box (Guest, U&Dave, 2024)
- The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice (Guest, Channel 4, 2023)
- Live At The Apollo (Host, BBC2, 2023)
- Big Zuu's Big Eats (Guest, Dave, 2023)
- Steph's Packed Lunch (Guest, Channel 4 & ITV, 2021 & 2023)
- Sorry, I Didn't Know (Guest, ITV, 2023)
- Pointless Celebrities (Contestant, BBC1, 2023)
- Pilgrimage: The Road through Portugal (Presenter, BBC2, 2023)
- The Big Narstie Show (Guest, Channel 4, 2022)
- BBC New Comedy Awards (Judge, BBC3, 2022)
- The A to Z of Horror Movies (Guest, Sky Cinema, 2022)
- 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown (Guest, Channel 4, 2022)
- This is MY House (Guest, BBC1, 2022)
- Saturday Kitchen (Guest, BBC1, 2022)
- Mel Giedroyc: Unforgivable (Guest, Dave, 2022)
- The Stand Up Sketch Show (Guest, ITV2, 2022)
- Live At the Apollo (Guest, BBC2, 2021)
- Unapologetic (Guest, Channel 4, 2021)
- Richard Osman's House of Games (Guest, BBC2, 2021)
- Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains (Guest, Comedy Central, 2021)
- Celebrity Masterchef (Guest, BBC1, 2021)
- Funny Festival Live (Guest, BBC2, 2021)
- Britain's Got Talent (Finalist, ITV, 2020)

TV – Acting

- The Pharmacy (Role of Zein, Channel 4, 2025)
- Iwájú (Voice of Hawkers, Lackeys, Pilot & Rasheedat Robot, Disney Animation, 2024)

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Radio & Podcasts

- Making A Scene (Guest, 2025)
- Contender Ready: An Unofficial Gladiators Podcast (Guest, 2025)
- I'm ADHD! No You're Not (Guest, 2025)
- Mo Gilligan: Beginning, Middle & End (Guest, 2025)
- Always Be Comedy with James Gill (Guest, 2025)
- Off Menu (Guest, Plosive, 2024)
- Everyone Hates You (Guest, 2023)
- Hoovering with Jessica Fosteskew (Guest, Acast, 2023)
- The MarshyCast (Guest, 2023)
- Northern News (Guest, 2023)
- Best Medicine (Guest, BBC Radio 4, 2023)
- What the F*** Is Going On? with Mark Steel (Guest, WTF Productions, 2023)
- Why Do You Think You've Got No Friends? (Guest, 2023)
- Saturday Live (Radio Guest, BBC Radio 4, 2023)
- The Comedy Club (Radio Guest, BBC Radio 4 Extra, 2023)
- Please Tell Me A Story with Omid Djalili (Guest, Sony Music Podcasts, 2023)
- ADHD Aha! (Guest, Understood Org, 2023)
- Ayesha Hazarika with Times Radio Drive (Radio Guest, Times Radio, 2022-2023)
- The Flop Squad Podcast (Guest, 2023)
- The Gargle (Guest, Acast, 2022-2023)
- Wheel of Misfortune (Guest, BBC Sounds, 2022)
- You're Dead to Me (Guest, BBC Radio 4, 2022)
- The Lady Leshurr Show (Radio Guest, Radio 1Xtra, 2022)
- The Hugo Rifkind Show (Radio Guest, Times Radio, 2022)
- The Likely Dads (Guest, BBC Radio 4, 2022)
- Daliso Chaphonda: Citizen of Nowhere (Radio Guest, BBC Radio 4, 2021)
- The Happy Hour (Radio Guest, BBC R5 Live, 2021)
- The Froth with Rhod Gilbert, Sian Harries & Friends (Guest, Llanbobl Vision, 2021)
- I Am Not Your Bilal (Host, 2020-2021)

Digital

- Jokes Only A... Can Tell (Channel 4 Digital, 2022-2023)
- Double Down News (2022-2023)
- Reddit Ask Me Anything (Reddit, 2023)

Live

- Urban Battuta (International Tour, 2024-2025)
- The Purple Pill (Edinburgh Fringe Festival & International Tour, 2023-2024)
- N.A.B.I.L (Edinburgh Fringe Festival & National Tour, 2021-2022)

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Press

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★★★★ **The Guardian (on The Purple Pill)**

A potent, mischievously entertaining voice

★★★★ **The Scotsman (on The Purple Pill)**

A strong hour...a likeable raconteur with a unique perspective

★★★★ **The List (on The Purple Pill)**

Pinch-me clever and painstakingly bold...never predictable, often hysterical – and overall a joy

★★★★ **Time Out (on The Purple Pill)**

He successfully interrupts our echo chambers... The Purple Pill is also wrapped in jokes, Abdulrashid is never far away from a punchline, and the laughter...spreads around the room with contagious joy

★★★★ **Fest (on The Purple Pill)**

Urgent, uncompromising and refreshingly radical fare, smartly woven into a gag-packed set... a fresh comic voice and unapologetically funny

The Telegraph

His set – edgy, thoughtful, beholden to no one – raised the roof

The Guardian (10 Best Comedy Shows of 2020)

He's the star by a wide margin... animated by a sardonic intelligence and sharp eye for the absurdities of racial discourse

The Guardian

Defiant and fearless

The Metro

Hilarious

The Radio Times

Absolutely brilliant, a breath of fresh air

Alesha Dixon

Too funny. A really refreshing comic voice

David Walliams

An exciting and interesting comic

Mark Thomas