

NINA OYAMA



Nina Oyama is a comedian, writer and actress who scored her first TV writing job at age 19, after a producer saw her performing stand up in a dodgy pub - which makes her the comedy equivalent of international model Giselle Bundchen, whose career started when a scout spotted her working at McDonald's as a teen.

As a stand up comedian and on-screen presence, Nina is known for her charming, quick witted persona and extremely average face (this is where the comparisons to Giselle Bundchen stop). She is best known for playing ditzzy receptionist Courtney on *Utopia*, doing comedic reporting on *Tonightly with Tom Ballard* and *The Weekly* and performing stand up on *Just for Laughs Sydney*. In 2021, Nina's sophomore stand up comedy show *Nina Oyama is "Doing Me" Right Now* sold out its entire season at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, which led to appearances on *The Project*, *Australia Debates* and *Win The Week*. As an actress, Nina has worked on shows such as *Kinne Tonight*, *Dom and Adrian 2020* and *Mikki Vs The World* (a kids sketch show about Mental Health) where she got to play many fun, light hearted characters, including a Giant Panda that suffers from depression. Nina is part of the main cast of *Deadloch*, a crime comedy noir coming to Amazon Prime in 2023.



But Nina is not just an average looking face, she has also racked up an impressive amount of writing credits including *You're Skitting Me*, *The Chaser's Election Desk*, *Squinters*, *Love Me* and *Yolo Crystal Fantasy*. Alongside collaborator Angus Thompson, Nina co-created ABC COMEDY'S *The Angus Project*, a comedy series which she also wrote, directed and starred in, and she was subsequently nominated for an Australian Directors Guild Award. In 2022, Angus and Nina teamed up with journalist Emma Myers to create SBS Digital Originals series *Latecomers*, a groundbreaking disability lead rom com. *Latecomers* has been described as "quietly revolutionary" by *The Guardian* and is available to stream on SBS on Demand. Currently, Nina serves as a story editor for the first season on Hulu x 20th Century Fox adult animation *Koala Man*, which is set to air in 2023.