

Unitec students & grads among Short & Sweet 2018 Festival winners

A large number of Unitec dance and acting students and grads were among the winners in the annual Short & Sweet 2018 Festival which ran at TAPAC this month.

DANCE

- Wallace Arts Trust Innovation Award - *Same Sun* co-choreographed by grad **Georgie Goater**
- IndependANCE Award – Year 3 dance student **Sophie Greig**
- DANZ Choreographic Mentorship Award - **Brittany & Natasha Kohler** (Rituals of Similarity)
- Innovative Choreography Award - *Grip* choreographed by Year 3 dance students, **Indiana Carder-Dodd & Pamela McHardy** (pictured below)
- Risk Taker Award - *Faceless Hair Cry* choreographed by dance grad **Sofia McIntyre**

THEATRE

- Best Script - *Are You F\$%king Serious?!* **Aaron Richardson & Grace Augustine** (picture below)
- Best Actor – acting grad (2016) **Aaron Richardson**
- Best Actress (co-winner) – acting grad (2015) **Grace Augustine** in *Are You F\$%king Serious?!*



Dance students on secondment with Atamira

Five Unitec dance students; **Presley Ziogas, Joshua Eliu, Kiwa Andrews, Abbagail Rogers, and Eileen Witika** are on secondment with the Atamira Dance Company for their upcoming season Kotahi 1 & Kotahi 2 which will premiere at the upcoming TEMPO 2018 Festival of NZ Dance on 4-14 October. Kotahi is a unique international collaboration bridging the creative and cultural spaces of Atamira Dance Company (Aotearoa) and NAISDA Dance College in Darkinjung Country (Australia). Three new contemporary dance works are presented over two extraordinary and distinct programmes, including works by Unitec grad choreographers **Louise Potiki Bryant, Jack Gray.**

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/entertainment/news/article.cfm?c_id=1501119&objectid=12095237

Unitec grad makes NZ Web Fest

Unitec acting/screen grad, **Hanelle Harris's** *Baby Mama's Club* was among the official selections for the fourth New Zealand Web Fest, coming to Auckland on 17-18 November. The line-up runs to 63 titles from 15 countries. The full line-up of selections is live at <http://www.nzwebfest.co.nz/nzwf18-selections/>. Harris also gets a mention in Herald's Suffrage piece on Mana Wahine in Film, TV, Music https://www.nzherald.co.nz/entertainment/news/article.cfm?c_id=1501119&objectid=12126503

Successful Unitec show breaks Box Office record

Unitec's season of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, featuring the Year 2 Acting students directed by acting/voice tutor **Alexandra Whitham** and crewed by the production design and management students, came to an end last Saturday after a successful 10 show season which included two matinees from 14-22 September. So successful was this production that the entire season was sold out before the opening show. This has never happened before for a second year production. Overall, an audience of 563 patrons saw the play which grossed \$4,072.00 at the Box Office. Four high school groups also attended the two matinees. There was lots of great feedback from our patrons, talent agents and industry guests who attended the show who commended our students work.



Unitec to sign new agreements with Chinese institutions

Creative Industries head of pathway, **Vanessa Byrnes** and Academic Leader for Dance, **Charene Griggs** will travel to China in October to sign new agreements with the Beijing Dance Academy and Beijing Film Academy. They will inspect the next cohort of BDA students who will be coming to Unitec in 2020. A new scholarship and student exchange with BFA will also be announced.

Waiting selected for Hawaiian Film Festival

Unitec 2016 grad film *Waiting* (wr: **Samuel Kamu** dir: **Amberley Jo Aumua**) has been selected to screen at the upcoming 38th Hawaii International Film Festival (HIFF) presented by Halekulani on November 8-18, 2018. The film will be part of their annual Pacific Shorts Showcase presented by Pacific Islanders in Communications. HIFF is dedicated to advancing understanding and cultural exchange among the peoples of Asia, the Pacific and North America by presenting films from around the world. <https://www.hiff.org/>

Grad Fest 2018 confirmed for Thu 22 November

The dates for Creative Industries' annual Grad Fest has been set for November with opening night on Thursday, 22 November in Building One. Grad Fest will also include live performances, screenings and exhibitions from across the pathway during the month at Unitec and offsite at various venues. *More details to follow.*

UPCOMING UNITEC CI EVENTS

OCTOBER 2018

- 1-12 *Mid Semester break*
- 1-2 Workshop: Animation in Action/Motion Graphics 3DSoftware
- 4-14 Tempo Dance Festival
- 6-31 Show Me Shorts Film Festival
- 15 *Semester Two resumes*
- 22 *Labour Day*
- 23 Gallery: "Ceramics at Unitec" in association with the Auckland festival of Ceramics 2018
Selected works featuring Unitec Alumni. 23 Oct – 16 Nov Opening 5.30pm
- 27 Uni Shorts Film Festival 2018
Awards Night Red Lecture Theatre 6:30pm

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