<u>Unitec Creative Industries – Weekly Newsletter: 11-17 June 2019</u>

2012 Unitec Acting grad **Laura Daniels** finished runner up in the grand final of TV3's *Dancing with the Stars*. Based on judges scoring, Daniels and partner Shae Mountain would have won by a huge margin, but public voting gave the trophy to former NZ rugby league star Manu Vatuvei on Sunday night. More here!



Same But Different: A True New Zealand Love Story (Rating M)

Starring Unitec grad Robyn Paterson, <u>Same But Different</u> is a true New Zealand love story based on Kiwi-Samoan writer/director Nikki Si'ulepa and producer Rachel Aneta Wills' journey in pursuit of true love. The film has been well received so far and is well into its fourth week of screening in Rialto Newmarket. <u>Click here to view the trailer.</u>





Thanks to the visiting schools from Auckland Girls Grammar, James Cook Highschool, Whangamata School, Otahuhu College and McAuley High School who attended our two school matinees for *Romeo & Juliet* last week. The play was well received with high praise for our third year acting and costume/technical students during the post-show Q&A's. All shows for Romeo & Juliet were sold out in advance, hence that's an official wrap of the very successful 2019 Unitec Shakespeare Season.





<u>Atamira Dance Company</u> present <u>ONEPŪ</u> by renowned choreographer and video artist and Unitec alumni, <u>Louise Potiki Bryant</u>. Louise is a founding member of Atamira Dance Company for whom she has choreographed six works with.

Onepū (sand) is named to reflect the sand bank Pikopiko-i-whiti which encircles the world and upon which six atua wahine (female deities) stand within the different directions of the wind. These atua are strong forces of nature with the enormous power of controlling and releasing the principal winds of the world. Luscious solo moments of intensity merge with the power of the ensemble to embody these wild forces of nature and invoke a range of atmospheres inviting meditation on the different qualities each atua wahine brings to us. Check out the tour dates here.

Onepū also features other Unitec grads, Rosie Tapsell and Presley Ziogas. View trailer.



On behalf of Unitec, Creative Industries and GALLERY ONE, we would like to invite you to the exhibition Te Tātai o Matarik i- The Joining of Matariki. This exhibition celebrates the wonderful and diverse practice of some of our near, recent and past Maori graduates in Unitec's Art and Design Programmes. The exhibition runs from the 3 - 26 July at Gallery One, Building 1, Unitec Institute of Technology. The Exhibition will be opened on the 2nd July at 5.30 pm. Please join us at the opening to celebrate these amazing artists and designers.



Come to the <u>Pumphouse Theatre</u> on Saturday 22 June. This show is short snappy compelling and beautifully crafted by <u>Rhian Firmin</u> and features captivating performances by <u>Tyler Brailey</u> and <u>Sam Goodger</u> - all recent United acting grads. Show your support and get your tickets! <u>Click here to book now.</u>





Short film 'Wrath' made by and starring recent Unitec grads and students has been selected for the <u>International Online Web Fest</u>.

Wrath Synopsis: Tom Russo is an ex-enforcement officer who is haunted by his past. After meeting with an old friend from the force, repressed memories start to claw at his sub-conscious. He is confronted by his beliefs causing him to question who he is. Now he must fight with his inner demons to either control or succumb to his Wrath...

Ben Egan: Director/ Writer/ Producer/ Composer/ Editor/

Cast: Benny Joy Smith, Gabby Dally, Troy Vandergoes, Zane Allen, Ahmed Youssef, Alex Lye, Emily

Hurley, Jaeden Lawrie, Martin Lonhoiden

Piki Toi is a collective of artists who have been vulnerably housed, but are much more than that. They are illustrators, painters, carvers, storytellers. Come and see their talents and creativity, buy something, join some activities and perhaps commission some mahi you for yourselves. Supported by Lifewise, Unitec and Activate Auckland. Part of Matariki Tuhaha - Uniquely Auckland. Read more here.



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MATARIKI FESTIVAL 2019







Nau mai, haere mai!

You're invited to meet the Piki Toi crew at:

Piki Toi in the City, a pop-up exhibition.

In the Betty Wark Room at the Ellen Melville Centre, Freyberg Place, Auckland Central City.

From: 12pm Saturday 22nd June Until 2pm Saturday 29th June

We'll keep you posted on what we're doing through this link: https://tinyurl.com/pikiinthecity Unitec acting graduates **Ashleigh Hook** and **Shelley Waddams** are performing in Read My Lips which will be running its two-week season in Basement Theatre from 16 – 27 July.

What happens when your only way of communicating is ripped away? In Read My Lips, three friends venture into the unknown when one of them becomes deaf. Theatre and the real world intersect as these friends recount their journey through denial, naivety, acceptance and laughter. A new play devised using stories from Auckland's Deaf community. When: Tue 16 July 2019 until Sat 27th July, 6.30pm–7.30pm / Where: Basement Theatre / Buy tickets here.

This production is produced by <u>Embers Collective NZ</u>, founded by 2018 acting grads **Ashleigh Hook** and **Rebekah Dack**.



If anyone is heading over to the North Shore, Senior Lecturer in contemporary art and curator of Gallery One Gina Ferguson and Harriet Reihanna, Unitec's recent Bachelor of Creative Enterprise student have some work in a group exhibition that is currently on at Northart. This selected exhibition was originally part of a larger exhibition that was shown at <u>Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi - Waitangi Treaty Grounds last year</u>.



<u>JUNE</u>	
12-15	Romeo & Juliet – dir: Elena Stejko @7pm Unitec Theatre (SOLD OUT)
19	NZ Certificate Showcase 1071 building 6. Koha entry
19-22	Year 3 Dance: coLAB 3 Dance Studios, @7:30pm. Buy tickets here
24	Year 1 Dance: coLAB 1 Unitec Theatre, @2pm & 7pm.
26	Unitec Music Showcase – Dance Studios, @7pm. FREE ENTRY
27-28	Quick Fix – Unitec Theatre – @2pm and 7pm. Buy tickets here
	Semester One ends

