

Unitec Creative Industries - Weekly Newsletter: 12-19 August 2019

Great news that Unitec acting & screen arts grad **Hanelle Harris** is among the three successful recipients of NZ On Air funding (NZD\$499,864) which will go towards producing *Sis*, a spinoff of her viral hit web series *Baby Mama's Club*. The comedy sketch special will explore themes familiar to Pasifika people, and all people of colour. It will be available free on the Comedy Central website, and will simultaneously screen on Comedy Central via Sky, with a further free-to-air prime time broadcast three months later on Prime TV. (*Sis*, 1 x 44 mins, Culture Factory (Hanelle Harris, Gaby Solomona, Leki-Jackson-Bourke, Destiny Momoisea & Maia Thompson). [Read more here](#).



In her final year at Unitec, acting grad **Marianne Infante** went looking for plays written by Filipino New Zealanders; she didn't find any so decided she'd write one herself. Last week she made history when *Pinay* opened at the Basement Theatre and became the country's first locally written and produced bilingual Filipino play. The cast is predominantly Filipino including fellow grad **Marwin Silerio** (pictured with Marianne below), while another grad **James Roque** directs. Other Unitec grads involved are **Lucas Haugh** (cast), **Paul Bennett** (lighting design), **Lisa Joe** (Stage Manager) and **Rhiannon Prime** (costume). Read more [here](#), and the [review in the NZ Herald](#).





AKL, Babel is opening at the Basement Theatre tomorrow (Tue 20 Aug) and runs until this Sat, 24 August. It's a dance-theatre work in 3 parts: Construction, Underbelly, Expansion - an exploration of a multi-million dollar, neo-liberal convention centre through movement, gesture and techno-rage at phallic structures. Expressionism. Dance. Theatre. Critiques. Fake plastic cash dreams. A premiere work directed and choreographed by Unitec grad **Amber Liberté** in collaboration with performers & creatives. There is a special UNITEC discount for the whole season. Use the promo code

'BLACKJACK' and get \$15 tickets when you book on iTICKET [here](#).

Five third year contemporary arts students have been selected to represent Unitec at this weekend's Eden Arts Awards at Webb's Mt Eden: **Tyrone Te Waa, Oliver Cain, Micaela van der Laan, Cassey Locke** and **Samuel Montgomery**.

Four costume grads had key roles in creating Indie film *Guns Akimbo*, a Jason Lei Howden-directed action-comedy that was filmed last year in New Zealand and stars Daniel Radcliffe of *Harry Potter* fame. They are: **Joss Henry** - Key Costume Stanby, **Hannah Woods** - Costume Dresser, leads breakdown Artist, **Lauren Dodman Barker** - Costume Standby Assistant and **Tegan Dearsly** - Costume Breakdown. The film also featured PDM grad **Jonny Cross** and Screen Arts grad **Jadin Leslie** in the crew. [More here](#).



COMING UP

August

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Grad Film Shoots / Year 3 Screen Arts
Five short films. Shooting until 11 September.

24-27

Eden Arts – Art Schools Awards, Webb's Mt Eden

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Screen Arts Workshop for High Schools

September

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Unitec Dance presents *coLAB 2*

Year 2 Unitec Dance Students choreographic showcase.
4-7 Sep @7:30pm / Matinee: 7 Sep @2pm
Schools Show: 6 Sep @12:30pm
Unitec Dance Studios, Entry 1, Carrington Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland
Book: <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2019/sep/colab-2>

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Unitec Open Day 2019

Te Puna



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Re-launch of Unitec Creative Industries social media platforms & strategy

In consultation with senior leadership & marketing: audit, review

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Unitec presents *Orpheus Descending* by Tennessee Williams

Ft. Year 2 Acting Students directed by Alexandra Whitham
13-21 September @7pm
School Matinees 17 & 19 September @10:30am
Unitec Theatre, Entry 1, Carrington Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland
Book: <http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2019/sep/orpheus-descending>