

Unitec Creative Industries - Weekly Newsletter: 29 July-5 August 2019

The premiere season of NZ play, *SICKO*, is coming to the Basement Theatre this August 13-17. It's a biting funny piece of new work that cuts to the dark heart of the kiwi dream, featuring some of Auckland's best theatrical talent, including Unitec grads: **Jason Hodzelmans, Chye-Ling Huang, Ben Van Lier** and directed by **Matt Baker**.

As a special offer to Unitec students, get cheap tickets by entering the promo code 'ORGY' at the checkout for \$18 tickets, valid for any night of the run August 13-17. Book [here](#)

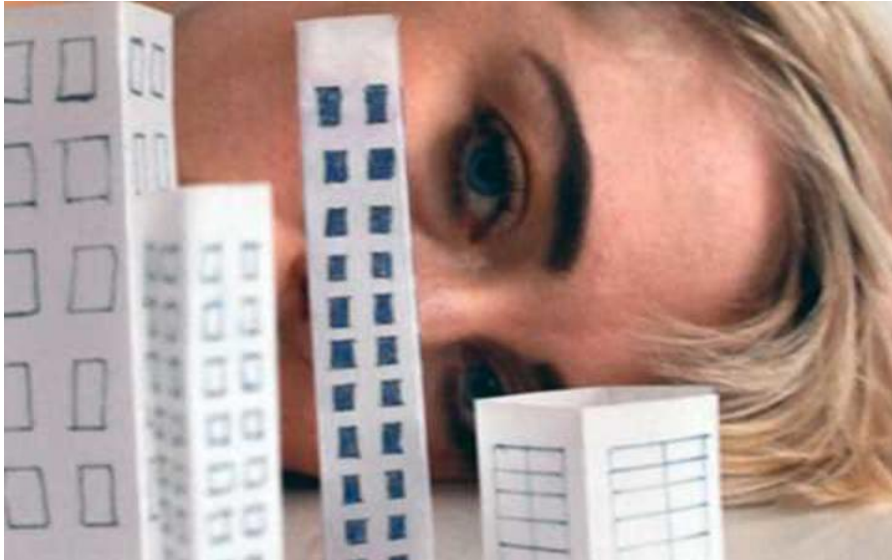


Design Lecturer **Cris de Groot** recently featured on TV3's *The Project*, in a story on child car seats. The segment explores how safe they are, if parents are being 'ripped off' by the cost of a car seat - if 'dearer' means safer and why the expiry date is so important.

The Project interviews the Head of Testing at Consumer New Zealand and brings in Cris for some expert analysis. Cris assesses the three seats he has been asked to review, talks about how they are each built and their design features, then takes them into Mataaho to create a cross-section so we can get a better idea of what they are made of and what is keeping your child safe. To watch the segment go to TV3 on Demand - [The Project on Wednesday 24 July](#) - the story starts at 12:40.



The Sky Tower looms large over Auckland and now it's also at the heart of a play. *AKL, BABEL* is billed as a theatre piece exploring corruption in the city through dance, comedy, and a splash of rage. Director/choreographer and 2015 Unitec acting grad **Amber Liberté** explains the ideas behind it [here](#).



2006 Unitec acting grad, singer and *Westside* star **Esther Stephens** chats to the NZ Herald in their entertainment segment snapchat where she remarked: "Getting into drama school really set me on the path I'm on today. I studied acting at Unitec straight from high school, and it felt from day one like I'd found my tribe. I'm so grateful for that experience." She performs in 60s girl group tribute band The Up Doos, with Aria Jones and Liv Tennet, Saturday at the Basement Theatre, 9pm. [More here](#).



Unitec Acting lecturer **Elizabeth Hawthorne** (pictured middle) stars as Rose in the Auckland premiere of *The Children*, currently showing at the Herald Theatre. Nuclear physicist Rose Cavendish shows up on Hazel's doorstep after more than 30 years... Why is she here? And more importantly... what does she want? *The Children* runs at the Herald Theatre until 18 August: This is the most fabulous piece of acting and writing. Student tickets \$25. More [here](#).



Please help our talented Year 3 Acting class bring their graduation short film **FOUR WALLS** to life by donating generously to their fundraising campaign [here](#).



COMING UP

August

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Activate 2019: Dance Performance & Workshop Tour

Year 3 Unitec Dance Students will perform and run workshops in 23 High Schools in Auckland from 5 Aug-6 Sep 2019



7 **Creative Industries Lunchtime Seminar with award winning designer, filmmaker and playwright: Prof Dr. Welby Ings**
Around the corner: Learning, creativity and change
12:30pm - 1:30pm / Venue: 001-2076

7 **Toby Raine's exhibition "Room 001 -2114"**
Floor talk in the gallery space @12pm on Aug 7.
Exhibitions runs until Aug 23 in 001-2114.

20 **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



27 **Screen Arts Workshop** for High Schools

September

4 **Unitec Dance presents coLAB 2**
Year 2 Unitec Dance Students choreographic showcase. Tickets at iTICKET. Book: <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2019/sep/colab-2>
4-7 Sep @7:30pm / Matinee: 7 Sep @2pm
Schools Show: 6 Sep @12:30pm

7 **Unitec Open Day 2019**
Te Puna

7 **Re-launch of Unitec Creative Industries social media platforms & strategy**
In consultation with senior leadership & marketing: audit, review