

## **Unitec Creative Industries - Weekly Newsletter: 26 Aug-2 Sep 2019**

Past Unitec students feature strongly among the ten recipients for The Arts Foundation Laureates 2019 that were announced on the weekend; among them dance grad, **Louise Potiki Bryant** (*pictured right*) who received the award for Choreography and Dance; the first ever wahine Māori laureate of Dance. Louise is a founding member of the Atamira Dance Company. Photographer **Yvonne Todd** (*below left*), who studied photography at Unitec in the 1990s, received the Theresa Gattung Award for Women Arts Practitioners. Unitec dance grad **Val Smith** (*below right*) received the Award for Performing Arts.



Photography grad **Solomon Mortimer** received the Marti Friedlander Photographic Award. Former Unitec Screen Arts lecturer **Sima Urale** received the Burr/Tatham Trust Award for Film-making. Each recipient receives \$25,000. Read more in NZ Herald [here](#).

Two Year 2 BCE students (**Cyrille Lim** 2<sup>nd</sup> from left, and **Felix Ye** 3<sup>rd</sup> from right) and their team Foodwise (*pictured below*) have taken third place at this year's Datacom Hackathon held last week, by developing the prototype for an app that minimises food waste in your household by providing smarter grocery shopping intelligence.

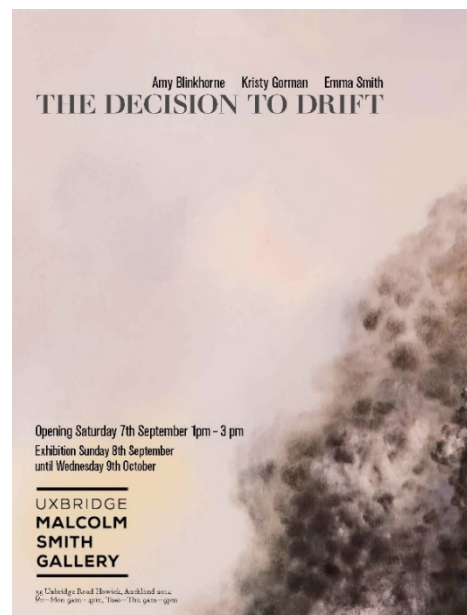


2005 Unitec acting grad **Kura Forrester** is this year's Billy T Award winner, the first Māori person to win the award since 2004 and first Māori woman to win it... ever. The actor-comedian chats about her heritage, upbringing and why she thinks Maori are the funniest people in the world, as well as previewing her new show *KURA, SHOULDA, WOULD* which opened last Saturday at the Q Theatre - Rangatira. Read more [here](#).



Unitec Dance is taking part in the upcoming **Tempo: New Zealand Festival of Dance** in October in the Tertiary Improvisation Showcase: *Make No Mistake* which is a dance improvisation from some of New Zealand's finest dancers in the making from Unitec Dance and The University of Auckland dance programmes, featuring collaboration with live on-stage musicians. The show is one night only on 11 October at the Loft, Q Theatre.

**Emma Smith , Kristy Gorman** and **Amy Blinkhorne** (recent MDES grad) have an exhibition at Uxbridge Malcolm Smith Gallery. Catalogue design by **William Bardebes**. *The Decision to Drift* opens this Saturday 7 September 1pm – 3 pm. Exhibition runs Sunday 8 September until Wednesday 9 October.



Unitec acting and recent Master of Creative Practice grad, **Melissa Cameron** left for Italy to study Commedia dell'arte at the L'Arlecchino Errante Pordenone from 31 August – 28 September, an opportunity facilitated by Unitec acting lecturer, **Pedro Ilgenfritz**.

## **COMING UP**

### **September**

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#### **Unitec Dance presents coLAB 2**

Year 2 Unitec Dance Students choreographic showcase.

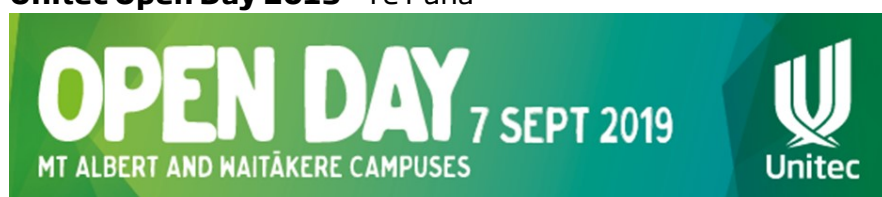
4-7 Sep @7:30pm / Matinee: 7 Sep @2pm Schools Show: 6 Sep

Unitec Dance Studios. Book tickets [here](#).



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#### **Unitec Open Day 2019 - Te Puna**



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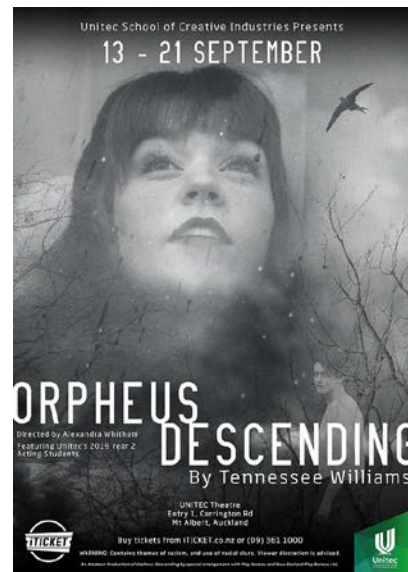
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### **Unitec presents *Orpheus Descending* by Tennessee Williams**

Ft. Year 2 Acting Students directed by Alexandra Whitham

13-21 September @7pm School Matinees 17 & 19 Sep @10:30am

Unitec Theatre. Book tickets [here](#).



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### **Unitec Spring Graduation - Auckland Town Hall**

Ceremony Two - 1:15pm (Creative Industries)

Unitec Music Students performing

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### **Year 1 & 2 Costume Exhibition: *Hell Hole of the Pacific***

