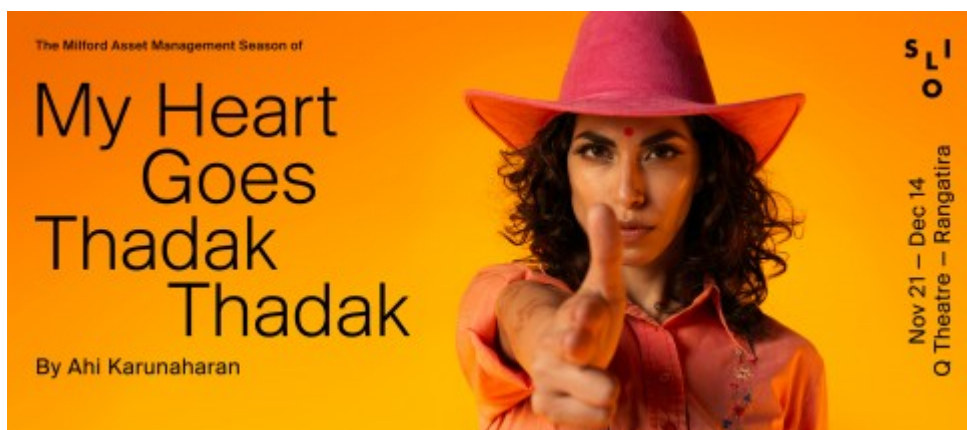


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Unitec Creative Industries Production Manager, **Padma Akula** was the costume and makeup designer for *My Heart Goes Thadak Thadak*, an immersive family-friendly comedy work, created by visionary theatremaker Ahi Karunaharan and set in a late 70's film set in India. The production ran at the Q theatre from November 21 ending on Saturday, 14 December. Presented in collaboration with Q Theatre as part of a Silo Theatre commission, it received some great [reviews](#). More [here](#).



Actor, director, teacher and 2011 Unitec acting grad, **Suzy Smith-Roy**, talks about making her first short film and the support of her husband. More [here](#).



TVNZ launched a new web series last week called, *Life is not easy*, which features 2012 Unitec acting grads, **Chye-Ling Huang** and **Cole Jenkins** (pictured below) in the lead roles. They play BFFs Jamie-Li and Curtis who scramble to confront the hot mess of race, sex and gender when a birthday body-swap proves that their blessed lives aren't all they seem. The series also features other Unitec grads in cast/crew. Made with the support of NZ On Air. Watch the series [here](#).



Year 3 Dance student **Olivia O'Brien** has completed her 2019 DANZ Dance Residency at The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora in Christchurch, taking place in alignment with the inaugural Ōtautahi Tiny Performance Festival, curated by Movement Art Practice. "This residency allowed me to come home and re-establish old connections and relationships. It allowed me to make my first work outside of Uni in the place where it all started for me, which is a very special and rare experience," says Olivia, who was based at The Arts Centre from 18-29 November and had the opportunity to work with two other dancers and to have access to a dance mentor. Rnd of the residency she facilitated a workshop at The Arts Centre, and presented her new work at the Ōtautahi Festival. More [here](#).



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