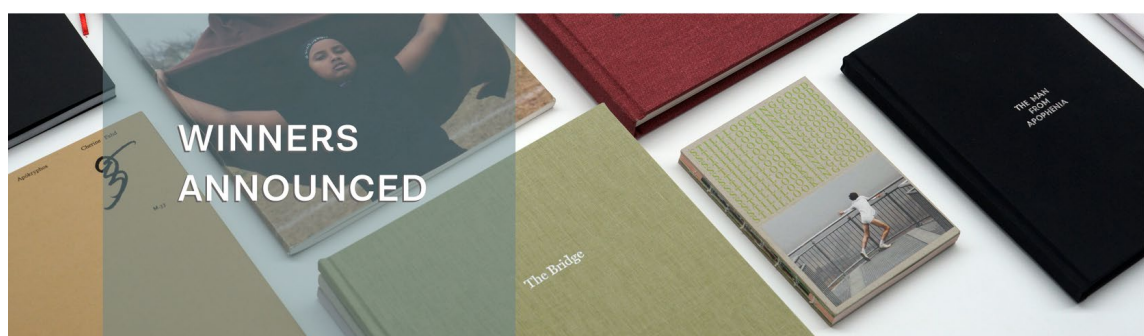


## **Unitec School of Creative Industries - Weekly Newsletter: 23 Mar 2020**

Unitec acting grad, **Stacey Leilua** (pictured below, bottom row middle), is one of nine emerging filmmakers selected to take part in South Shorts 2020. This is the sixth year of the South Shorts Mentorship programme. Under the leadership and guidance of renowned screenwriter Briar Grace-Smith, participants will develop their short film projects through a script-focused mentorship over a sixth-month period. South Shorts is made possible thanks to generous support from Foundation North and New Zealand Film Commission. Read more [here](#).



2019 Unitec design & contemporary arts graduand, [Saynab Muse](#) was a finalist (from over 104 entries) in this year's Australia & New Zealand Photobook Awards run by Sydney-based book printing company Momento Pro. Her nomination was for her book, *Imaanshaha*, published by PhotoForum Inc. Since 2011, the company has awarded \$137,000 in prizes to 155 finalists, with the 2019 finalists sharing in a prize pool valued at a total of \$10,000. Unitec Dance grad **Oliver Connew** was also a finalist for Still Looking Good (Gloria Books). All finalists are included in Award exhibition travelling to Photobook/NZ, The Library Project (Dublin), PHOTO 2020 festival, and other venues throughout the region as well as profiling on @anzphotobookaward + @photofestivalau Instagram feeds. Read more [here](#).



Unitec **Year 3 Screen Arts Students** participated in a Grading Workshop with renowned filmmaker, David Pirie in our editing studios last week.



Check out the video of our **Contemporary Dance students** in their choreographed response to the ASB Polyfest 2020 Dance Challenge which is attracting a lot of traffic on social media. Watch it [here](#).



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