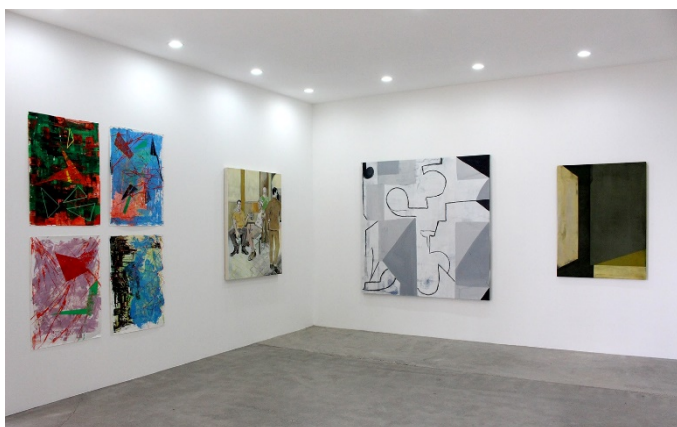


## **Unitec School of Creative Industries - Weekly Newsletter: 6 April 2020**

A new gallery with close ties to Unitec Creative Industries students - past and present - has opened at 4D/30 Upper Queen Street, Auckland CBD. The new painter-run space was initiated by Unitec Master of Design student **Reece King**, and developed in collaboration with Unitec



Master of Creative Practice (MCP) student, **Danae Ripley**, and Ben Abdale-Weir, Leah Morris, Arslan Majid. "Sanc is a place to show artworks we want to see ourselves and ones we think other people should see. Sanc is hands on," says King.

There are two display areas in Sanc Gallery. The gallery also

features works by Unitec Master of Design student, **Brendon Leung**, MCP grads **Tira Walsh** and **Gabby Tiongson**, and Unitec Contemporary Arts discipline lead, **Emma Smith**. The official gallery opening took place in March.

Follow Sanc Gallery on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

Unitec graduate actor, **Nicole Whippy** is running free online classes for kids on the Pt Chevalier Kids Drama Club facebook page while *Shortland Street* is on hiatus due to COVID-19 lockdown. Visit the page [here](#). The Fiji-born Kiwi actress is exploring unknown territory as her character Cece King struggles to come to terms with the sudden death of her husband, Ben (Jamie Irvine). Read [more](#). She also appeared on TV One Breakfast to talk about how she is occupying her [time](#).



Unitec dance grad and current Black Grace dancer **Rodney Tyrell** (pictured right in *As Night Falls* / Christopher Duggan) was profiled by the company in an online Q&A series designed for Dance Students to gain insight into the life of a professional dancer in New Zealand.

Rodney is of Samoan descent and grew up in West Auckland. He first discovered dance as a teenager through cultural performance and hip hop. After graduating from Unitec, Rodney made his professional debut with Black Grace in 2017 on an international tour to the USA. See [here](#) his dance bio and his Q&A answers [here](#).



## CALENDAR

*Our regular events calendar will be updated once we confirm new dates for our 2020 projects which are tentative due to the COVID-19 situation.*

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