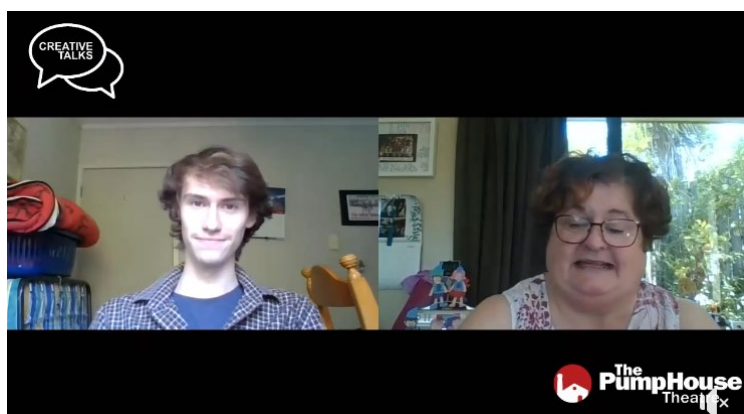


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Sydney-based film festival, Pasifika Film Fest has appointed Unitec acting grad (2011) **Taofia Pelesasa** and current Master of Creative Practice (MCP) student, **Gabriel Faatau'uu** as their new social media managers. The Pasifika Film Fest (PFF) showcases the art of Pacific storytelling through film while also working to inspire Pasifika writers, directors and actors to explore links to their culture. This year's event runs from 2 October to 1 November. Unitec student films have featured on the PFF programme in the past, *The Boy From Rarotonga* (**Joshua Teariki-Baker**) in 2019 and *Moon Melon* (**Trina Peters**) in 2018. Trina started her MCP in 2020. More info [here](#).



The PumpHouse Theatre interviewed 2019 Unitec acting grad **Max Easey** as part of its Creative Talks Online programme. Max is a well known to Tim Bray Theatre Company fans from past productions "*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*" and "*The Little Yellow Digger*". He was due to star in "*Greedy Cat*" which has been postponed until later in the year. Max talks about his love of acting, mask, Dungeons and Dragons and how he is keeping creative while on lockdown. Watch [here](#).



Unitec acting grad (2011), **Sara Wiseman**, who is currently gracing our screens on TVNZ's new drama series *One Lane Bridge*, shares her travel stories with the NZ Herald. Read the full story [here](#).



Unitec acting grad (2008), **Fern Sutherland** stars in Kiwi detective series *The Brokenwood Mysteries* and shares her best travel stories with the NZ Herald. Read the full story [here](#).



Unitec grad (2005) and Kiwi actor/comedian, **Kura Forrester** has been keeping busy during the lockdown, albeit from home, in Three's comedy show Dai's House Party on Thursday nights. The show features a host of local comedians including host Dai Henwood, Rose Matafeo, Guy Williams, and Rhys Darby. Kura is also back on TV screens in *Shortland Street*. Read the full story [here](#).



Unitec Screen Arts grad (2018), **Varun Chauhan** works as a directors assistant for Eight Productions, an Australasian company. Varun specialised in Camera and sound and directing as an elective, and has been working for Eight Productions for over a year. He is a key organiser of Isofest - "a virtual short film festival celebrating the great indoors" which has been running during the global lockdown. "It's mainly just a place for people to get creative, whilst in isolation - the idea being for people to create and and share films, shot at home, using whatever available resources they have. We're keen to hear from whoever else might be interested in trying their hand as an armchair director," he says. The festival is currently living on Facebook [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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