

Unitec School of Creative Industries - Weekly Newsletter: 29 June 2020

NEWS

Unitec Creative Industries is celebrating yet another one of its student films being selected to screen at New Zealand's premier film festival. Unitec's *Childhood Room* was one of 12 locally made films shortlisted for the Best Short Award at next month's New Zealand International Film Festival. While it was not chosen as one of the six finalists, the film has been included in Kiwi Shorts collection in the festival programme. Written and directed by Unitec Screen Arts student **Duncan Dykes** as his graduation project last year, *Childhood Room*, tells the story of a young woman, in the midst of moving out of the room she grew up in, who inexplicably ends up face-to-face with a nine-year-old version of herself - forcing her to confront the ways she still clings to the past, and her uncertainties about where her life is headed. More [here](#) on the NZIFF website.



An upcoming exhibition featuring new work by Unitec Design & Contemporary Arts lecturer, **Paul Woodruffe** has 14 paintings, and two collaborative sculptures with Horst Kiechle. The sculptures are faceted forms made from light card and painted, one in super flat acrylics, and one in oil-based colours containing Ruby and Topaz pigments. The paintings are a collection of works from 2019 and 2020. The exhibition opens Thursday, 2 July at 5:30pm and runs until 22 July at Foenander Galleries, Mt Eden, Auckland.



Paul Woodruffe

Articulate Silences

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July 2nd to 22nd.
Opening Thursday July 2nd
at 5.30pm

FÖENANDER GALLERIES

455 Mt Eden Road,
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Following hot in the footsteps of her award-winning web series *Baby Mama's Club*, Unitec grad **Hanelle Harris** (creator/writer/director) is set to launch her new comedy series *Sis*, about a group of brown writers who must create a new comedy show, but there's one issue... their head writer is problematic. Meanwhile their story ideas have come to life! Cousins Malia, Gee Gee and Miki are day one besties. From STI checks to body swaps, the girls master life one sketch at a time. *Sis* premieres 22 July on Comedy Central Australia & New Zealand and www.comedycentral.com.au. Made with support from NZ On Air. See the [trailer](#).



PDM discipline leader **Dr Daniel Nel** led his third-year cohort on an industry engagement day at Auckland Live in the city last Thursday. The students met Mr Jay Dwyer, Head of Staging and Kerry Griffiths, Head of Technical Operations, who led the group on a very detailed and all engaging exploration through the backstage and technical areas of the Aotea Centre's Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Herald Theatre and the Conference Centre. Then across to the Auckland Town Hall, Great Hall and Concert Chamber and finally the Auckland Civic Theatre & Wintergarden. Dr Nel says he is proud of how the students conducted themselves, adding that the



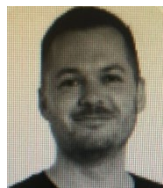
Auckland Live staff remained engaged and offered many pieces of information that will stand our students in good stead going forward. Unitec Creative Industries is pleased with its healthy and fantastic relationship with the technical operations of Auckland Live.



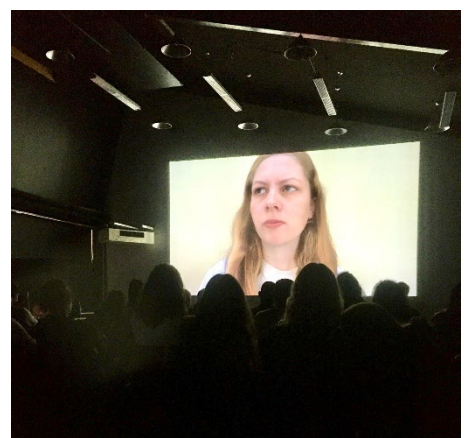
Actress/comedian and Unitec grad (2012), **Laura Daniel**, 29, is a *Seven Sharp* reporter who used to impersonate Jacinda Ardern on the now defunct comedy show *Jono And Ben*. She has appeared on *Funny Girls*, *Dancing With The Stars* and the film *Kiwi Christmas*. Laura is currently starring in the TVNZ OnDemand comedy show *Snort Live* with her partner Joseph Moore. Read more [here](#).



Samuel Holloway (Academic Programme Manager: Design and Contemporary Arts) has been appointed to the Auckland Council Public Art Advisory Panel. The Public Art Advisory Panel was established in 2014 to assist Auckland Council with planning arts projects and programmes in public places. Panel members have a variety of arts, culture, architectural, and urban design backgrounds, and are appointed for terms of three years.



The final week of the Semester saw the **NZCSCP Certificate Students** (right) perform their showcase in 1076-006 and the screening of our **Year 3 Acting** Lockdown Solo Works in the B12 Screening Room (below).



NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pacific Dance - The Transform Series

Unitec dance grad **Iosefa Enari MNZM** launched 'The Transform Series of Pacific Dancing in Aotearoa' last Wednesday as an online alternative to their original plans to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Pacific Dance New Zealand. The celebration was moved into the digital space to create original content, responding to audience desire to see more work focused on retaining cultural heritage and tradition. Each Wednesday at 1pm for the next 10 weeks they will release a new episode with original not seen before content. The *Transform Series* runs until August 26 2020. Watch on their facebook page, or on-demand on YouTube: youtube.com/user/PACIFICDANCENZ or the PDNZ website [here](#),



The New Zealand Dance Company Classes

Wellesley Studios, 113 Wellesley St West, Auckland / 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
NZDC invites you to join them for their weekly company classes. These classes happen throughout the year when NZDC is in residence at Wellesley Studios. Start your day in the right way with their morning movement and technique classes. They are the perfect opportunity to dance alongside their company dancers and are aimed at the professional level. \$5 minimum koha entry.



Supporting Creative Communities

Auckland's arts community is worried with good reason that Auckland Council's emergency budget will see a substantial funding cut for the arts. Mark Amery discusses what changes might be needed to see better access to the arts across New Zealand's communities - along with all the latest arts news and good reads online. Read [here](#).

EVENTS CALENDAR:

29-30 June	<i>Beautiful Anger</i> (<i>Tempo Festival</i>) More here .
30 June-13 July	Web Series Shoot - Year 3 Screen/Acting, Bldg 14-15
1-4 July	<i>False Clouds</i> (<i>Tempo Festival</i>) More here .
7 July	Screen Bites Workshop 1 Building 12
14 July	Screen Bites Workshop 2 Building 12
14-16 July	<i>Still Solo</i> (<i>Tempo Festival</i>). More here .
15-16 July	Introduction to Acting Workshop Bdg 6
15-16 July	Takurua: Dance Winter Workshop Bdg 7
24 July-2 August	New Zealand International Film Festival
28 July-28 August	<i>Beyond the Index</i> curated by Allan McDonald Opening 5-7pm, 28 July, Gallery One, Building 76 Hours: 9-4pm Mon-Fri / Contact: 02108253385.

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