

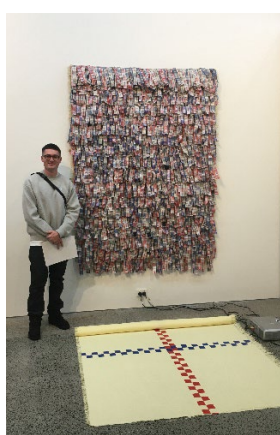
Unitec School of Creative Industries - Weekly Newsletter: 10 Aug 2020

NEWS

Three Unitec grads have been nominated for awards in the upcoming *Women in Film and Television (WIFT) NZ Awards 2020* at Auckland's ASB Waterfront Theatre on 8 October. Acting grad (2002) **Aidee Walker** is up for the Fulcrum Media Finance Woman to Watch Award; Screen Arts grad (2016) and award-winning filmmaker, **Amberlee Jo Aumua** is a finalist for the SAE Award for Outstanding Newcomer while Acting grad (2002) and a previous WIFT Awards winner, **Kerry Warkia**, is among the finalists for the South Pacific Pictures Award for Achievement in Film. Dance grad (1999) **Alyx Duncan** is on this year's judging panel. Find out more [here](#) and see the full list of finalists [here](#).



Two Bachelor of Creative Enterprise students were among the winners at this year's Eden Arts Art School Award announced last Wednesday, 5 August at Webb's Auction House, Mt Eden. **Jimmy Ma'ia'i** (middle) and **Kim Lu** (below right) received Highly Commended Awards for their respective works. Ma'ia'i's mixed media entry *Samoasonite* was inspired by polypropylene bags commonly used by Pacific islanders for air travel, hence the term, Samoan suitcase. Lu's photographic entry *Silent Echo* is a "quiet reflection on the enigmas of the world and that which is not yet known". This year's event saw 20 of the best student works from Elam, Unitec, AUT and Whitecliffe in a single exhibition. Also representing Unitec this year was **Jacob Hamilton**, **Blessilda Cabaloza** and **Chang Lee**.



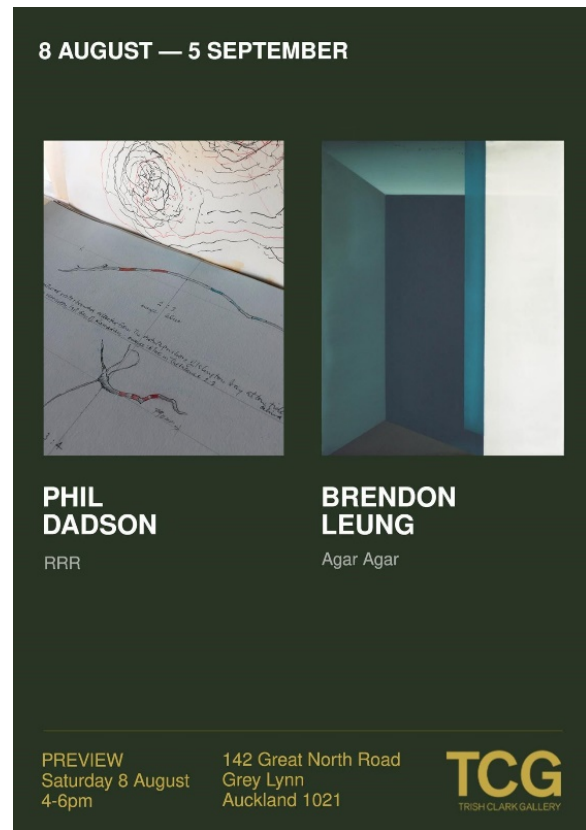
Unitec acting grad (2017) **Sa'ane Green** (pictured right) is part of an all-Tongan core cast starring in the first Tongan bilingual drama web series funded by New Zealand On Air as part of its Pasifika and Asian Storytellers Initiative. *Brutal Lives - Mo'ui Faingata'a* is created and written by director Vela Manusaute and producer **Sandra Kailahi**, who is a Unitec Masters of International Communications grad. The series follows the life of former boxer Soane 'The Shark' Valu who returns to South Auckland from America after the passing of his father. Green plays daughter Lupe. Unitec grads also feature in the crew: **Maria Vai** (1st & 2nd AD) and **Anevili TS** (Script Consultant). Episode 1 was released last week on 5 August. You can watch it [here](#) or [here](#).



Unitec grad (2002) **Kiel McNaughton's** (pictured below with Kerry Warkia) comedy *The Legend of Baron To'a* starring Unitec grad (2008) **John Tui** will close the 24th edition of *Fantasia Film Festival*, North America's largest genre film festival. His film released earlier this year blends pro wrestling and martial arts also features Pacific actors Nathaniel Lees and Jay Laga'aia. *Fantasia* is going online this year with a virtual screening event from Aug 20 to Sept 2. More [here](#).



Trish Clark Gallery in Grey Lynn hosted Unitec contemporary arts grad and emerging artist, **Brendon Leung**, in the final presentation of his Master of Design last Saturday. Leung's exhibition *Agar Agar* highlights "the journey of my six years of study and marks the next chapter in my life". The exhibition runs alongside Phil Dadson's RRR from 8 August to 5 September. Leung has featured before as a student in the gallery in two group exhibitions in 2018. Leung presented his first solo exhibition, *Zeninimalism*, in 2017 at TSB Bank Wallace Arts Centre | Pah Homestead. Born in Auckland in 1994, of Chinese/Malaysian background and raised in a Chinese/Malaysian household, Leung appears to effortlessly and unselfconsciously channel ancient approaches and knowledge into his contemporary exploration of the mediums of painting and ceramics. More [here](#).



Sunrise is a new play by Seed Theatre Company starring Unitec acting grad (2018) **Jacob Pitcher**, that tells the story of four young adults, meeting in a support group to talk about their emotional troubles. It's an observation of how this generation talks about their issues and a demonstration of how we can find some comfort by confiding in one another. *Sunrise* is showing at the Pitt Street Theatre, Auckland from 3-12 September. Find tickets [here](#).



EVENTS CALENDAR:

12 August

Maori/Pacific Student Gathering (DCA)

B76-2001 12-1pm

12-13 August

Whanau/Fanau Evening: 12 Aug & 13 Aug 6pm-8pm.

13-15 August

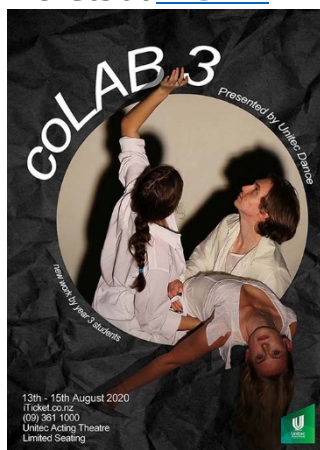
Unitec Dance presents *coLAB 3*

Year 3 Dance Choreographic Showcase

13-14 Aug @7:30pm & 15 Aug @2pm & 7:30pm

Unitec Theatre, Building 6, Entry 1, Carrington Rd

Tickets at [iTICKET](#).



2-5 September

Unitec Dance presents *coLAB 2*

Year 2 Dance Choreographic Showcase

2-4 Sep @7:30pm & 5 Sep @2pm & 7:30pm

Unitec Theatre, Building 6, Entry 1, Carrington Rd

Tickets at [iTICKET](#).



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