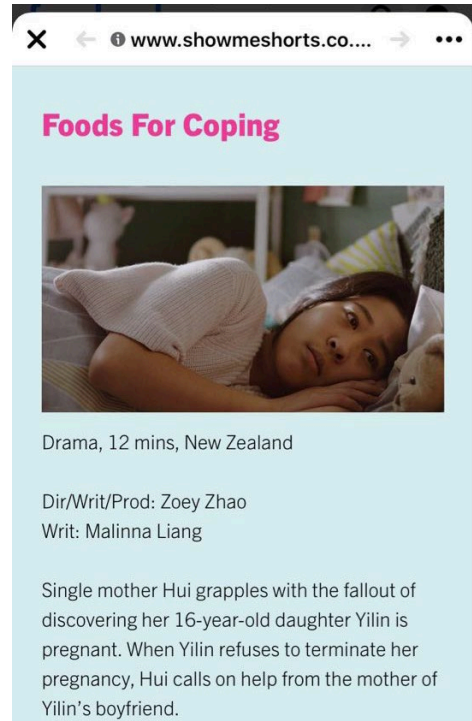


## **Unitec School of Creative Industries - Weekly Newsletter: 7 Sep 2020**

### **NEWS**

A short film *Foods for Coping* written, directed and produced by Unitec Screen Arts grad (2016) **Zoey Zhao**, has been selected to screen at this year's Show Me Shorts film festival. Zhao made this film as part of her master's studies which she recently completed at University of Auckland. "The story is very dear to my heart, and it's truly an honour to showcase the film to a larger audience," she says. Zhao will participate in a Q&A on Tuesday 6th October, at 7pm. Find out more [here](#).



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.showmeshorts.co.... The page title is "Foods For Coping" in pink text. Below the title is a still image from the film showing a woman lying in bed. Under the image, it says "Drama, 12 mins, New Zealand". Further down, it lists "Dir/Writ/Prod: Zoey Zhao" and "Writ: Malinna Liang". At the bottom, a synopsis reads: "Single mother Hui grapples with the fallout of discovering her 16-year-old daughter Yilin is pregnant. When Yilin refuses to terminate her pregnancy, Hui calls on help from the mother of Yilin's boyfriend."



New feature film *Savage* starring Unitec acting grad (2008), **John Tui** (*Battleship, Solo: A Star Wars Story, Legend of Baron To'a*) - pictured left - in one of the lead roles, is set for release in cinemas nationwide this Thursday, 10

September. Inspired by stories from New Zealand's boys' homes and the early history of our gangs, *Savage* follows a man across three decades of his life, taking a deeper look at a boy who grows into the brutal enforcer of a gang, to understand how he got there. Read more [here](#).

Venerable Steadicam Operator **Rhys Duncan** ran a Steadicam/Glidecam workshop last week, coaching our **Year 3 Screen Arts Camera students** in the use and finer points of our own Glidecam in advance of their Year 3 Grad Short Films, which begin shooting this week. Wishing them all the best!



Disney's New Zealand-shot film *Mulan* was finally released around the world last Friday, 4 September and many of the amazing costumes used, which **Unitec costume students and grads** were involved in making, has already [drawn praise](#). The movie, directed by Kiwi Niki Caro, is available on Disney+, not in cinemas, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Read more of NZ's contribution to this [film](#).

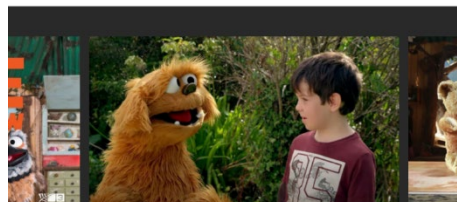


Screen Arts grad (2009), **Alan Parr** has just launched a website for an illustrated children's book he has written. More [here](#).

### Alan D. Parr


Alan is a Dad of two originally from Liverpool, England who has called Auckland home for the last 20 years. He has been a screenwriter and editor for Mukpuddy since 2017, writing on *Quimbo's Quest* (Netflix), *The Drawing Show*, *Jandal Burn*, *Barefoot Bandits* and *Tuneke Space* (TVNZ). Previously he was one of the lead writers on *The Moe Show*.

He has worked in the entertainment industry for over 20 years with roles including Studio Camera Operator, Director, Puppeteer and Stand-Up Comedy. Alan is also a qualified Secondary School Teacher and has worked in all areas and ages of education from pre-school Theatre in Education to University lecturer.



## EVENTS CALENDAR:

### SEPTEMBER

- 10-12 **Year 3 Dance: coLAB 3** Unitec Theatre, @7:30pm  
In house event. PASA Staff/Students only.
- 19 **Unitec 'Virtual' Open Day**, Te Puna 9:30am-3pm  
  
[www.unitec.ac.nz/openday](http://www.unitec.ac.nz/openday)
- 23-26 **Year 2 Dance: coLAB 2** Dance Studios, @7:30pm  
(Only public if Auckland goes to Level One)  
S/Matinee - Fri 25/9 @12:30pm / Matinee - Sat 26/9 @2pm
- 24 **Year 2 Acting Plays** Unitec Theatre, 7pm  
(Only public if Auckland goes to Level One)  
**12 Angry Men** by Reginald Rose 24-25 Sep @7pm / 25 Sep @11am  
**The Freedom of the City** by Brian Friel 1-2 Oct @7pm / 2 Oct @11am
- 28 *Mid Semester break* (until 11 Oct)
- 30 **Acting Auditions** until October 9  
Auckland, Manukau, Christchurch, Wellington, Whangarei

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