

## **Unitec School of Creative Industries - Weekly Newsletter: 27 Oct 2020**

### **NEWS**

Unitec Screen Arts alumnus **Tanu Gago** (pictured below; bottom 2<sup>nd</sup> from left) was among eight Pasifika artists announced last week as recipients of Creative New Zealand's Arts Pasifika Awards for 2020. The awards recognise innovation and excellence in Pacific Arts and their contribution to the rich diversity of Aotearoa as a multi-cultural Pacific nation. [Read more.](#)



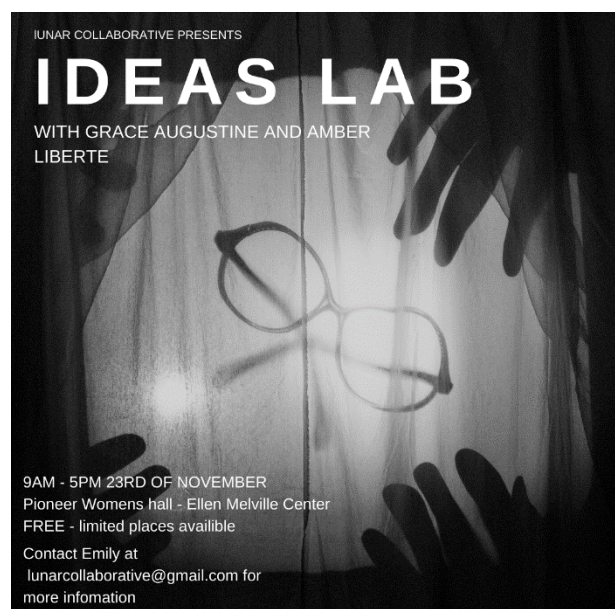
A comedy web series brought to life by Unitec alumni has been named a finalist for Best Comedy at the upcoming New Zealand Television Awards. *Life Is Easy* is produced by Unitec performance technology alumna (2010), **Ruby Reihana-Wilson** and Us People Productions for TVNZ On Demand and stars 2012 Unitec acting alumni, **Cole Jenkins, Chye-Ling Huang,** and **Amanda Tito**. There were more than 570 entries across 38 categories in the 2020 NZ Television Awards. The winners will be announced on November 18. More [here](#). Watch *Life is Easy* [here](#).



KUINI is a new full-length Tongan dance show by Unitec dance alumna **Lyncia Muller**, dedicated to Tonga's Queen Sālote Tupou III'. This work fuses contemporary dance, showcasing Queen Salote as a strong female poet and icon through the lens of Lyncia. Being heavily inspired by her poetry and songs, this project will be Lyncia's first full-length work that showcases how the late Queen paved the way for Tongan art. Lyncia's ultimate goal is to take this piece back home to Tonga, have it performed for the Royal Family, for her people and then around the Pacific Islands. More [here](#).



A group of Unitec acting grads from Lunar collaborative have produced a new devising theatre workshop that will take place on 23 November at the Ellen Melville Center. This workshop will be run by Unitec grads **Grace Augustine** and **Amber Liberte**, with **Emily Hurley** taking registrations from interest students and recent grads at [lunarcollaborative@gmail.com](mailto:lunarcollaborative@gmail.com)

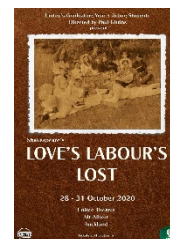


After two lockdowns and a year interrupted by COVID-19, Unitec's graduating third year acting students are finally ready to take the stage for this year's 2020 Shakespeare Season which opens with [Love's Labour's Lost](#) on Wednesday, 28 October at 7pm at the Unitec Theatre in Mt Albert, Auckland. [Get tickets here](#).

## **EVENTS CALENDAR:**

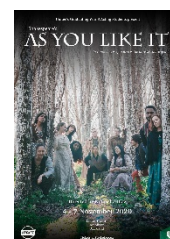
### **OCTOBER**

- 28-31 **Year 3 Acting Graduation Shakespeare Showcase**  
*Love's Labour's Lost* 7pm, Unitec Theatre  
Find out more on our video promo here  
<https://vimeo.com/472381985>



### **NOVEMBER**

- 4-7 **Year 3 Acting Graduation Shakespeare Showcase**  
*As you like it* 7pm, Unitec Theatre
- 11 **Year 1 Acting Showcase** D2, @2pm & 7pm
- 12-15 **Unitec Dance SHOWCASE 2020** Raye Freedman, Epsom  
@7:30pm (Thu-Sat) & 5pm (Sunday)
- 17 **NZ Certificate (Sem 2) Showcase** 006-1071, 2pm & 7pm
- 17 **Year 2 Acting Showcase** - Pocket Bar, 2pm & 7pm
- 19 **GradFest 2020** Building 76
- 19-21 **Costume Exhibition** Unitec Theatre, Open @6-9pm  
Exhibit 20-21 Nov
- 21 **Grad Screening Showcase** - Hollywood Cinema @6:30pm
- 22 *Semester Two ends*



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