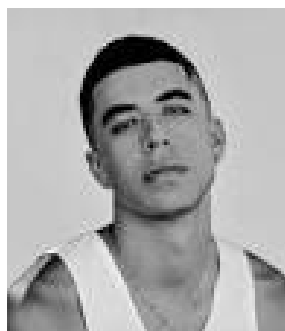
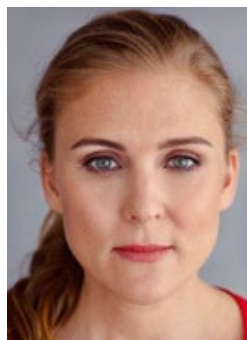


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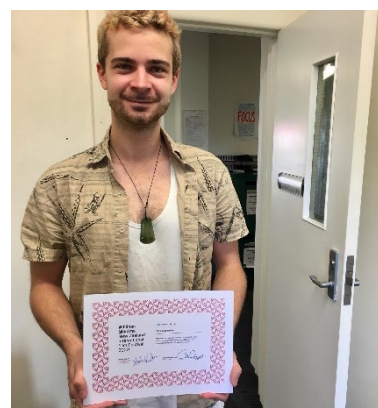
A British-New Zealand environmental teen drama television series *Mystic*, co-directed by Unitec alumna **Aidee Walker** and co-written by Unitec alumnus **Sam Shore**, has been selected for the Screen Production Recovery Fund, managed by the New Zealand Film Commission and supporting selected individual screen productions affected by COVID-19. Nine applications have received over NZD\$4.5m and awarded to 21 projects. *Mystic* is produced by Libertine Pictures and Slim film+television for CBBC, TVNZ and the Seven Network. More [here](#).



Following on from his critically acclaimed 2017 debut EP *The Grapefruit Skies* who garnered him the Maori music artist of the year award at the New Zealand Music Awards, Northland-based soul singer and Unitec alumnus, **TEEKS** aka **Te Karehana Gardiner-Toi** (Ngāpuhi, Ngāi Te Rangī, Ngāti Ranginui) is currently on a sold out national tour and his first full length album *Something To Feel*, is dropping in February.

This year American fashion and lifestyle magazine Vogue branded the 27-year-old as one of the music industry's "most promising talents". Teeks also talks about his time teaching te reo at Unitec and the impact of connecting with esteemed Maori musicians such as Tama Waipara and Maisey Rika while a student. More [here](#).

Last week, 2019 Unitec Screen Arts alumnus **Duncan Dykes** was on hand to receive a certificate from Whanau Marama NZ International Film Festival which recognizes the official selection of Unitec grad film *Childhood Room* for this year's festival which went online due to COVID. The short film written and directed by Dykes was also a finalist for the Best Short award.



As one of the students showcased in the latest Unitec brand video, recently graduated Master of Creative Practice student and Screen Arts alumna, **Rebecca Grace Bernard** is eager to encourage others to follow their passion. Read more about how Rebecca found her thing [here](#) at Unitec.



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