

Unitec School of Creative Industries - Weekly Newsletter: 7 December 2020

NEWS

Emma Smith, Senior Lecturer in Contemporary Art, was awarded the award for Excellence in Teaching at the Unitec Excellence Awards held on Thursday 3 December. Emma teaches into the Bachelor of Creative Enterprise, supervises on the Master of Creative Practice, and is Discipline Leader for Contemporary Art. The award citation noted that: Emma makes a huge and ongoing contribution to the School, to students and to the broader Unitec environment. She has led the team teaching our contemporary arts students who have had major successes in the Eden Arts' Art Schools Awards in 2019 and 2020. She shows tremendous concern and care for all her students. In a survey, one student commented: *"I was blown away by Emma Smith. She didn't just go to the library and look up books related to my practice, she had read them all then and gave me thorough feedback on the related readings... though she hasn't been teaching me this semester she has found time for me for critiques, and often checks in to see how I'm coping."* As well as her teaching and leadership, Emma is a highly-regarded artist, and her work has recently been exhibited at SANC Gallery (Auckland) and Malcolm Smith Gallery, Uxbridge.



Unitec acting alumna (2017) **Saane Green** was named Best Actor at this year's Sydney Web Fest, a new international festival held on Saturday, 5 December, celebrating creators, women, diversity, and brilliant web work! For the Kiwi-Tongan drama web series '[Brutal Lives - Mo'ui Faingata'a](#)', Saane took on a strict fitness regime where she learned to box to meet the physical demands of her character Lupe.



Live performance technician & venue supervisor **Michael Craven** was the lighting designer for Cirque cabaret sci-fi show *ITHACA*, created by Auckland based Dust Palace and Thomas Sainsbury and performed last Saturday, 5 December at Fly Palmy Arena, Palmerston North. Read the full review [here](#).



EVENTS CALENDAR:

DECEMBER

- 10 Confirm your courses & Re-enrol virtual drop-in event @3:30-6:30pm
Via zoom (prospile)

- 11 International Agents Day, Red Lecture Theatre

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