

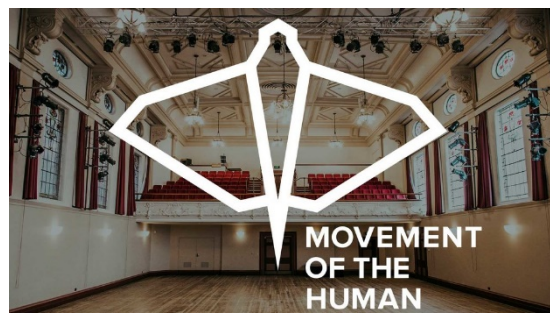
Unitec School of Creative Industries - Weekly Newsletter: 22 Feb 2021

NEWS

Unitec acting grad **Stacey Leilua** was introduced by Hollywood star and former WWE pro-wrestler, Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson on The Kelly Clarkson Show ahead of the screening of the first episode of *Young Rock* on America's NBC TV network last week. *Young Rock*, a comedy/drama inspired by the earlier life of Johnson, also features fellow Unitec Pacific alumni, **Fasitua Amosa** (pictured with Stacey left) and **John Tui** in the core cast. Stacey plays Johnson's mother Ata. Watch Stacey's interview [here](#). Read more [here](#).



Unitec dance alumni, **Malia Johnston** and **Eden Mulholland** are two of the creative forces behind *Movement of the Human*, an extraordinary collaboration combining dance, music, and light with audience engagement. This is an unforgettable immersive performance experience, involving a number of Unitec graduate artists, taking place at the Auckland Town Hall's Concert Chamber for four nights as part of Auckland Fringe arts festival from 21-24 February. Watch the trailer [here](#). More [here](#).



The Thinning is a new play directed by Unitec acting grad **Jake Pitcher** that follows six friends that have all just graduated high school and now face the unknown horizons of uni and the 'Real World'. At Pitt St Methodist Church in Auckland CBD from 10-13 March and features a cast full of Unitec alumni talent: **Lucas Haugh, Georgina Theyers, Kirsten Jongsma, Layla Pitt** and **Johnny J Burford**. More [here](#).



Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage and Social Development Hon Carmel Sepuloni today launched a new **Creative Careers Service**, which is expected to support up to 1,000 creatives, across three regions over the next two years. The new service builds on the most successful aspects of the former Pathways to Arts and Cultural Experience (PACE) programme. Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage and the Ministry for Social Development have partnered to pilot the service. More info [here](#).

EVENTS CALENDAR:

FEBRUARY

3-28	Auckland Pride Festival
14	Auckland Fringe (until 6 March)

MARCH

1	Semester One - Powhiri Welcome @1pm TNK Wharenui
4-21	Auckland Arts Festival
9	DCA Student BBQ building 76 @12-1pm
10	PASA Student BBQ building 7 @12.45-1.30pm

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