

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

NEWS

Contemporary Art discipline leader and lecturer, **Emma Smith** celebrated the opening of her new exhibition *Dispatch* on Sunday, 21 March at the Sanc Gallery in Auckland CBD. You are invited to view the exhibition which runs from 18 March – 3 April. More here: <https://www.sancgallery.com/>



Unitec acting and screen arts students were treated to a Q&A with Kiwi actor Cliff Curtis last Monday. The Q&A was hosted via Zoom and organised by Screen Arts lecturer **Sima**

Urale who has returned to teach at Unitec again. Ms Urale said there were plenty of questions from the students. "They were hanging on every word he said," she remarked. Curtis imparted pearls of wisdom and advice to the students



while sharing his experiences training as an actor and working in Hollywood. Curtis will appear in a new Sci-fi feature, *Reminiscence* this year and star in the much-anticipated *Avatar* sequels (set for release in 2022 and 2024) which were filmed in New Zealand last year.

We are pleased to welcome director/filmmaker/educator, **Paul Janman** to Unitec. He has joined our Screen Arts team teaching a new documentary course this Semester. Award winning Pasifika filmmakers and founders of production company Malosi Pictures Limited, Vea Mafile'o and Jeremiah Tauamiti, were the guest speakers at last week's documentary class.



After two sold-out seasons, New Zealand's largest South Asian Theatre company Prayas, returns to serve *First World Problems 3.0*, co-produced by Unitec alumnae **Marianne Infante**. The cast of 18 will be taking over Auckland's Basement Theatre for the third time this April 13 - 24, 2021. *First World Problems 3.0* celebrates the coming together of Prayas and friends to help spark unique stories, to continue representing the melting pot of cultures in Aotearoa. Watch the trailer shot and edited by Unitec alumnus **John Rata**, featuring Unitec alumnae **Manali Bhatia** (pictured) [here](#). More on the show and ticket info [here](#).



EVENTS CALENDAR:

MARCH

25 Gallery One Exhibition Opening: *Farewell to Fingers*
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APRIL

13 Unitec Autumn Graduation, Aotea Centre

15-21 World Creativity & Innovation Week: <https://wciw.org>

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