

NEWS

Great news over in the US that Unitec acting alumna (2003) **Stacey Leilua** has been nominated for Best Actress in a Broadcast Network or Cable Series Comedy by the Hollywood Critics Association for her role as Ata Johnson in the hit NBC TV comedy series *Young Rock*, based on the early life of



actor and former professional wrestler, Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson. [Stacey](#) is nominated alongside Daisy Haggard for *Breeders*, Jane Levy (*Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist*), Robin Thede (*A Black Lady Sketch Show*) and Tracee Ellis Ross (*black-ish*). The 2021 HCA TV Awards will be held in Los Angeles on 22 August. More [here](#).



First year Unitec Dance student **Lara Chuo** is currently on TV's *Shortland Street* as drag queen Maiden Chai Noir. She has appeared in three episodes already. Watch one of her scenes [here](#) (2:45) and the full episodes [here](#). Lara's mother **Melinda Chuo** is a senior industry partner in Unitec's Workforce team.

Unitec Master of Creative Practice student **Tyrone Te Waa** had two new exhibitions open over the past weekend.

Do not Alter

10-16 July 2021

Friday, 9 July, 5.30pm (Opening)

The Barrel Store, Corban Estate Arts Centre,
Henderson. More [here](#).

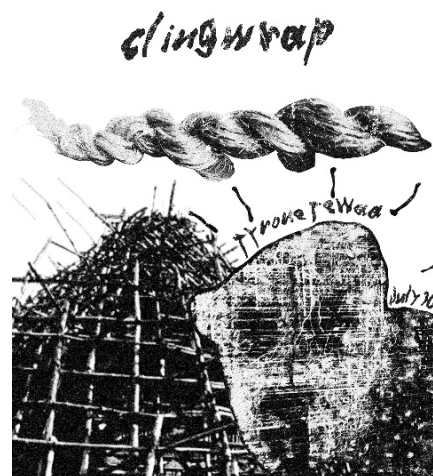
Clingwrap

9 July - 7 August 2021

Saturday, 10 July 2021 4-7pm (Opening)

Preview Thursday, 8 July 5.30-7.30 pm

More [here](#).



Unitec Lecturer **Dr Bobby Hung** spoke about his work and career at last Wednesday's Unitec Staff Event, *Tū Arotake*. As well as being a visual arts lecturer in Unitec's School of Creative Industries, he has also operated under the graffiti artist

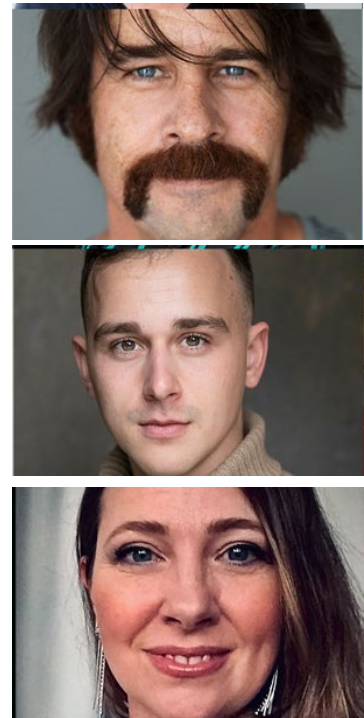
pseudonym, Berst for the past 20 years. Read [more](#). Also sharing their journey at Unitec was graphic design alumna, **Nikita Sharma**.

Nikita came to Unitec as an international student from India. After

graduating with a post-graduate diploma, creative practice in 2021, she was selected by Auckland Unlimited to make a mural celebrating the diversity of Auckland in the CBD.



Three Unitec alumni were among the finalists selected for the Storieroad International program being offered by Script to Screen in partnership with US-based Catalyst Story Institute. **Jake Pitcher** (*Don't Tell Mum*), **Millen Baird** (*Darryl*) were both finalists alongside former Screen Arts lecturer, **Maile Daugherty** (*Serenade*) - picture right - while **Kip Chapman** (*Public Affairs*) and a second work by **Millen Baird** (*Naki Blues*) were semi-finalists. Storieroad International program is focused on discovering content creators and advancing creative careers within the global episodic marketplace. Applicants had to be developing a series of any genre, length or format and at any stage of development. The finalists get a 12-month scholarship where they get US-based industry support to progress their project. More [here](#).



2018 Unitec School of Creative Industries Master of Creative Practice graduate **Tira Walsh** opened her new exhibition last Friday.

Industry

9 July - 7 August 2021
Two Rooms, 16 Putiki St
Auckland

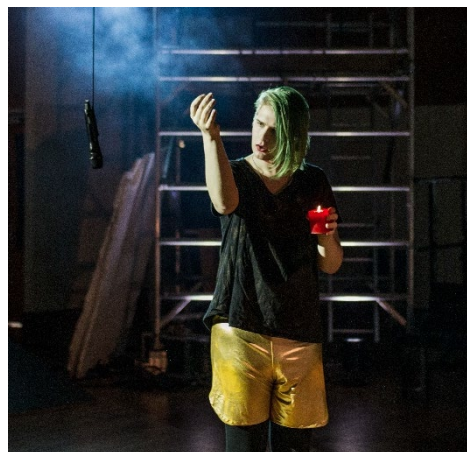
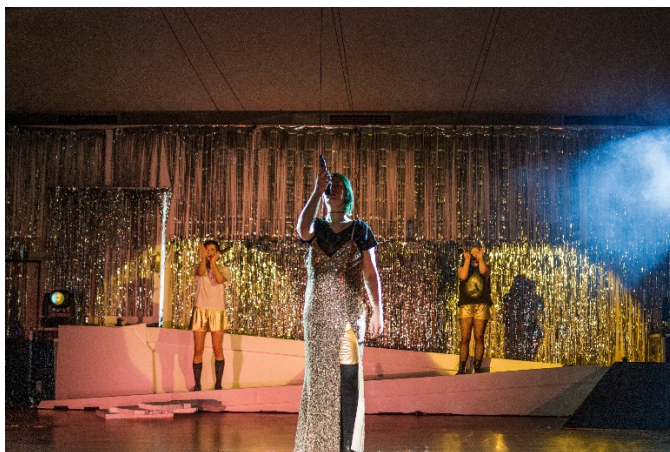
Industry reflects Tira's recent output, synthesizing abstract painting, urban environments, and power relations into pictorial worlds where the logic is order versus havoc. A core component of Walsh's practice is her dialogue with the paintings themselves. More info [here](#).



Unitec acting alumnus (2012) **Paul Lewis** is the puppet director for the GMG Production of stage musical *Madagascar* touring New Zealand, currently in Auckland at the Aotea Centre from 8-18 July. More [here](#) and [here](#).



The **Year 3 Acting** production *Cassandra* directed by Julia Croft closed last Wednesday after a successful show season at Building 202 (Old Gym) earning rave reviews from audiences. (images by Benny Joy Smith, alumna)



EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY

- 3 *The Four Seasons* by Antonio Vivaldi, The PumpHouse Theatre, Takapuna
Until 17 July. Buy tickets [here](#)
- 5 *Semester break starts*
- Creative Industries Winter Workshops 2021**
- 12-13 Photography: Studio lighting & large format printing B76
- 12-13 Acting Workshop 1, B6
- 14-15 Acting Workshop 2, B6
- 14-15 Screen Printing for Image and Merch B76
- 15 Screen Bites, B12
- 21-22 Make your own YouTube title sequence B76
- 21-22 Tactile Worlds B76
- 23 Mural Painting (Bobby Hung) B76
- 26 *Semester Two begins*

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