

## NEWS

Congratulations to Unitec acting alumna **Nastassia Wolfgramm** (2012) who is one of six recipients of the New Zealand Writers Guild's first round of Seed and



Seed Advanced for 2021. Seed is one of the most competitive writer-only grants for draft feature film scripts in New Zealand. This round received 151 total applications from writers around NZ. This fund is supported by the NZ Film Commission. Nastassia's submission entitled *Chronicles of Polynesia/Tangi e Lupe (The Dove's Cry)*, set in Ancient Polynesia of a rivalry between warriors sets off a decade long revenge plan for a young Tongan orphan. More [here](#).

Unitec Bachelor of Creative Enterprise (BCE) alumnus (2019) **Oliver Cain** is one of 102 designers from 19 countries and regions around the world, who have been selected as finalists for the 2021 World of WearableArt Awards Show on 30 Sep-17 October. The young artist is a finalist in the Monochromatic section. The winners will be announced on the Awards night on Friday, 1 October at the TSB Arena, Wellington, New Zealand.



A multifaceted Filipino actor, dancer and creative producer and recent winner of the award for Outstanding Stage Performer at the Filipino-Kiwi Hero Awards,

**Marianne Infante**

made her *Shortland Street* debut as Nurse Madonna Diaz on 23 July. Graduating from Unitec in 2016 with a Bachelor in Performing and Screen Arts (BPSA) in Acting, Infante is from Pampanga, Philippines. She grew up there until she moved to Christchurch when she was 11 years old. Read [more](#).



Unitec acting alumnus **Daniel Gillies** (*The Vampire Diaries*) stars in Kiwi director, James Ashcroft's debut feature film *Coming Home in the Dark* which opens in NZ cinemas from Thursday 12 August. A nail-biting thriller, *Coming Home in the Dark* follows a teacher who is forced to confront a secret from his past when a pair of ruthless drifters take his family on a nightmare road-trip.



The School of Creative Industries and UPC ran seven workshops with nearly 200 high school students over the Semester Break. Last week, the Design & Contemporary Arts pathway ran two workshops: lecturer **Gina Ferguson** facilitated Tactile Worlds in the Ceramics Barn in B76 while Dr **Bobby**



**Hung** ran a successful Mural Painting Workshop. The week prior, two Acting, photography, Screen Bites and Screen-Printing workshops were held.

## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

### **JULY**

26 *Semester Two begins*

### **AUGUST**

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| 9  | <b>Unitec Dance ACTIVATE Workshop &amp; Performance Schools Tour</b><br>Until 3 September |
| 9  | <b>Year 3 Acting Short Film Shoot</b><br>Until 22 August                                  |
| 23 | <b>Screen Arts Grad Film Shoots</b><br>Until 20 September                                 |
| 24 | <b>Unitec Open Day ONLINE 6-8pm</b>   |

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