

Weekly Newsletter: 5 July 2021

NEWS

Unitec Acting 2017 alumna **Kiri Naik** (pictured) plays Pirihira, Maori wife of Abbott, who was the translator, narrator and voice of Te Rauparaha in the *Wairau Affray* which finished sold out seasons at the ASB Theatre in Blenheim from 24-26 June and the Theatre Royal in Nelson from 1-3 July. "(Kiri) brings a vital iwi perspective to the events of June 17, 1843 through the telling of her own tragedies," writes reviewer Adrienne Matthews. Justin Eade's play shines a glaring light on a reprehensible piece of New



Zealand's history. Read more <u>here</u>. Watch Kiri's interview <u>here</u>.



Tim Bray Theatre
Company's production
of Vivaldi's *The Four*Seasons featuring
Year 3 Unitec Acting
students: **Hannah**Anderson, Emma
Laulu, Sam
McCutchan, Andra
Mihailescu,
Monique Rabie and
Finlay Wilson

opened at the PumpHouse Theatre, Takapuna on Saturday night. The near full house of mainly children and parents were told the story of Aotearoa's seasons through movement and music provided by the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra. Season runs until 17 July. Get tickets here.

The launch of a new book authored by Unitec Design & Contemporary Arts lecturers **Paul Woodruffe** and **William Bardebes** was held at Merge Café, Karangahape Rd last Thursday, 1 July. The *Piki Toi* project started in 2017 was initially a response to social problems identified in the publication *Inside the Cup*, which researched begging, or 'hustling', in the central city. This publication was written and produced through a partnership between Lifewise Trust, Unitec, Waitemata Local Board, and Awhina Mai Tatou Katoa. More here.



Unitec Year 1 and Year 2 Acting students were invited to perform items from their Maori and Pacific performing arts classes at the Red Lecture Theatre in Te Puna last Tuesday, 29 June 2021 in celebration of Matariki.



Unitec Year 2 Dance students performed their choreography works in the Dance studios last week. (Photo by Dale Leyland)



Unitec Year 2 acting studentshad their performance: *The Journey of Masks* in Building 6 last week. (Photo by Peter Jennings)



Unitec Year 3 Acting show *Cassandra* opened last Wednesday to a full house and has earned rave reviews by audiences so far. There are two more shows left



this Tuesday,
6 July and
Wednesday,
7 July at 7pm
at Building
202 (Old
Gym) via
Entry 1,
Carrington
Rd. Get
tickets from
iTICKET here.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY

3	The Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi Until 17 July. Buy tickets <u>here</u>	The PumpHouse
5-10	<i>The Life of Galileo</i> by Bertolt Brecht, tr. David Hare Buy tickets <u>here</u>	ASB Waterfront Theatre
6-7	Unitec Acting presents <i>Cassandra</i> Buy tickets <u>here</u>	B202 (Old Gym)

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