

NEWS

Unitec design and contemporary arts alumna (2015) **Ashlee Tawhiti** is the principle fibre artist on an externally funded Artweek Changing Lanes project artwork called *Three Kete of knowledge* by Unitec lecturer **Paul Woodruffe**. This work refers to the story of Tane who travelled to the heavens and retrieved three kete filled with knowledge. Ashlee will be working with support from Unitec's Whaea **Linda Toki** on the making of three very large *kete* for installation on Little High Street in Auckland CBD. Auckland Artweek runs from October 8-28. Ashlee will be managing the Great Barrier Island Art Gallery immediately after completing this project.



Current Unitec third year acting student **Monique Rabie** has written a new clowning show that will be performed at The Pumphouse Theatre, Takapuna on 3 September at 7:30pm. The one hour play is about three clowns faced with the problem of finding a very specific screw, the only one of its kind. This show is fun for the whole family and will keep you guessing. Show your support and get your tickets [here](https://www.pumphouse.co.nz).



A lucky group of performing and screen arts (PASA) students and staff (pictured below, photo: Auckland Live) from Unitec's School of Creative Industries went to see the live production of *The Lion King Musical* at Spark Arena, Auckland in July 2021 and were given an exclusive Q&A with the cast and crew after the show, arranged by Auckland Live. Here's what the students thought of the [show](#).



The powerfully moving and ritualistic haka dance theatre show *Taurite* is headed to the Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre in Auckland on 1-3 September. After sweeping awards and critical acclaim for a run of performances in 2020, Hawaiki Tū will be bringing a stellar line-up of creative experts including Unitec alumni **Neil Ieremia** - Guest choreographer, **Louise**

Potiki Bryant - AV/Video projection artist, **Calvin Hudson** - Lighting designer/operator, and **Kiwa Andrews** - Hawaiki Tū dancer/collaborator for what promises to be an unforgettable experience. Get tickets [here](#).

Shortland Street newcomer and Unitec acting alumna (2016), **Marianne Infante** has been the talk of New Zealand's Filipino community since making her debut on New Zealand's longest-running drama a week ago. Infante, who plays nurse Madonna Diaz, says she's honoured to be representing the Filipino community.

Infante is an actor, dancer, and creative producer for Proudly Asian Theatre. Since graduating, she has written her first full-length play, *Pinay* (based



on her own experiences of coming to NZ as a child), which won the Auckland Theatre Excellence Award for Overall Production in 2019. She was also the recipient of the Auckland Theatre Awards' Outstanding Newcomer Award in 2018 and an Excellence in Acting award in 2019. Read more [here](#).

EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST

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| 9 | Unitec Dance ACTIVATE Workshop & Performance Tour
Year 3 Dance students touring Auckland high schools until 3 September. |
| 9 | Year 3 Acting Film Shoot
Year 3 Acting students shooting their graduation short film until 22 August |
| 21-24 | Eden Arts - Art Schools Award at Webbs, Mt Eden
Opening night and awards ceremony - Sat 21 August 6-8pm |
| 23 | Screen Arts Grad Film Shoots until 20 September |
| 24 | Unitec Open Day ONLINE 6-8pm |

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