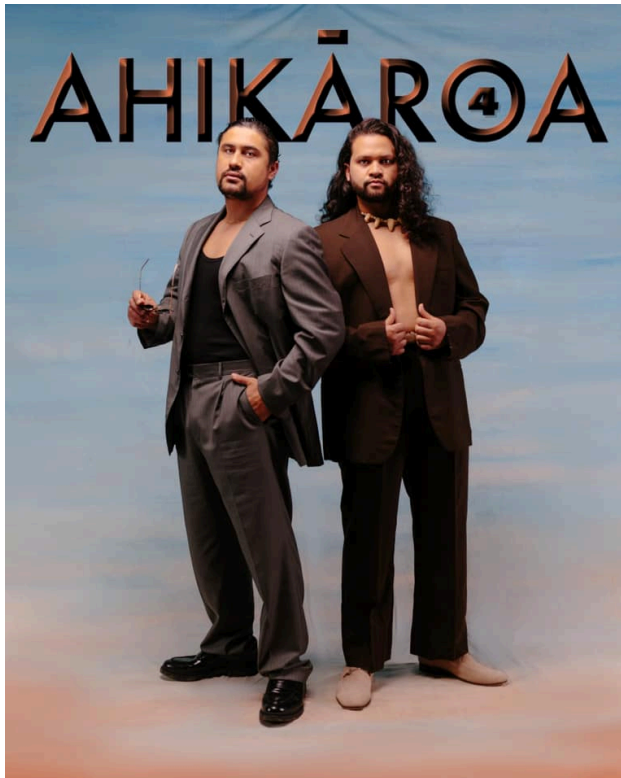


NEWS

Unitec photography lecturer, **Allan McDonald's** exhibition *Here and Now, 2010-20*, will be on display in *Crossings* - a group show about intimacies and distances - at Adam Art Gallery at Victoria University of Wellington until August 22, 2021. *Crossings* brings together a range of artists and works with a reflection on the disruptions of 2020. Find out more [here](#).



Unitec acting alumnus (2019), **Kauri Williams** (pictured right) is back for season four of Maori Television's bilingual series *Ahikāroa* which launched last week. Kauri joined the show directly after graduating from Unitec, and brings the mana of this ancestry to his character Whatukura. The cast also includes Unitec alumni **Tomai Ihaia** and **Samson Chan-Boon** while **Hanelle Harris** (series storyliner), **Tainui Tukiwaho** (casting), **Nikora Edwards** (sound) and **Hannah Woods** (costume) are in the crew. Find out more [here](#).
Roald Dahl's *The Twits* is hitting the

Unitec alumni **Awatea Timothy** (Mrs Twit) and **Ellie Wren** (Gas Meter Reader / Roly Poly Bird) will appear in the Tim Bray Theatre Company's production of Roald Dahl's *The Twits* which goes on tour around Auckland from 25 September to 13 November. Get tickets [here](#).



Unitec alumni feature among 200 artists and performers in the programme of this year's Te Tairāwhiti Arts Festival in Gisborne on October 8-17. From dance, live music, theatre, kapa haka and art, the event celebrates the rich artistic history and talent of Gisborne and the East Coast. This year will focus strongly on Māori and Pasifika dance. Unitec Dance alumnus (2017), **Raisedinland Iose** has a featured work called 'XY' Only as part of a Pacific Dance Festival double feature at the



Gisborne War Memorial Theatre on 13 October. Iose developed this work with a chorus from his church congregation and continues to push the boundaries and rules with non-Pacific female dancers performing a

traditional faataupati, which is usually reserved and performed by Samoan males. More [here](#). On 10 October, Atamira Dance Company Artistic Director and Unitec alumnus **Jack Gray** marks 21 years of the Company with their collaborative new work *Te Wheke*. The work brings together leading names in contemporary dance including alumni, **Louise Potiki Bryant**, **Dolina Wehipeihana**, **Kelly Nash**, **Gabrielle Thomas** and **Bianca Hyslop**. A cast of eight dancers includes alumnus, **Sean MacDonald**. *Te Wheke* explores the dimensions of human experience symbolised by the eight tentacles of the Octopus, a powerful guardian on this journey from past into future. More [here](#).

Over the past five years, a feature length documentary has been in production following Unitec alumnus (2015) **Adam Rohe's** transition. A visually stunning and emotional intersection of documentary and live performance, *Man Lessons: The Live Show* features comedy, storytelling, live music, and never-before-seen footage. Adam is a prominent transgender actor, director and clown. *Man Lessons* is a bold, beautiful film by close friend and filmmaker Ben Sarten and will show at BATS in Wellington from 2-11 September BATS. 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; Opening Sat 21 Aug 6-8pm |
| 23 | Screen Arts Grad Film Shoots until 20 September |
| 24 | Unitec Open Day ONLINE 6-8pm |

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