

Dear {FIRST_NAME},

Subjects as diverse as politics, developing sustainable prosperity, global economic governance, film-making and the much-loved tales of *Hairy Maclary From Donaldson's Dairy* will feature at the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Speaker Day on 14 March. [Click here to read more about these free lectures.](#)

Still time to register for London and New York events



London and New York alumni and friends are encouraged to attend the upcoming University events at which Professor Ngaire Woods, of Oxford University, and Graeme Wheeler, Managing Director Operations at the World Bank in New York, will be alumni speakers.

[More information about the New York event](#)

[More information about the London event](#)

Graeme Wheeler,
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NICAI staff and students perform in Auckland Festival 2009



Music and Fine Arts staff and students from The University of Auckland's National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries (NICAI) will be vital players in this year's Auckland Festival 2009.

The Festival features performances from the NZ Trio and three of New Zealand's top jazz artists playing together as the Samson, Nacey, Haines Trio. The works of Elam School of Fine Arts students will again be showcased in *Elam Art Upfront*, an exhibition that is mounted inside the lobbies and foyers of corporate high rise buildings on Shortland Street.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13 March
■ [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner](#)
- 14 March
■ [Distinguished Alumni Speaker Day lectures](#)
- 16 March
■ [London Alumni and Friends reception](#)
- 18 March
■ [New York Alumni and Friends reception](#)

LATEST HEADLINES

- 2 March
■ [Eminent psychosis researcher visiting New Zealand](#)
- 27 February
■ [Film student wins at DocNZ International Film Festival](#)
■ [University's first Pacific Island PhD in English publishes poetry book](#)
- 26 February
■ [New exhibition explores NZ's "nameless generation"](#)
- 23 February
■ [Growing business with North Asia based upon technology: key research agreement signed with Taiwan](#)
- 18 February

Tim Chapman, Don't
Play With That Inside,
as featured in the
Elam Art Upfront
exhibition.

[Read more on the UoA website](#)

[Visit the Auckland Festival website](#)

Professional Development with CCE

As a graduate and friend of The University of Auckland you will be aware of the importance of keeping qualifications and professional skills up to date, particularly in the current economic climate. The Centre for Continuing Education offers a wide range of one and two day courses suited to graduates looking to extend their business skills.

[View our full list of one-day courses for you and your staff](#)

(There is a 10% discount when two or more people enrol from the same organisation on the same course.)

Head of State of Samoa to speak at this year's MAUForum



Inspirational and provocative artists, thinkers, writers, activists, heads of government and communities from around the world and across the Pacific region are taking part in the fourth annual MAUForum, which runs until 21 March. A highlight of the programme will be the Pacific Thought Symposium on 7 March, where the Head of State of Samoa, His Highness Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese, will be the keynote speaker.

[Visit the MAUForum website](#)

"Leading the Way" Campaign attainment passes half way mark

Attainment for the University's "Leading the Way" Fundraising Campaign has reached \$51,236,418, more than half way towards the target of \$100 million.

[Read more on the Alumni and Friends website](#)

■ [Top graduates speaking](#)

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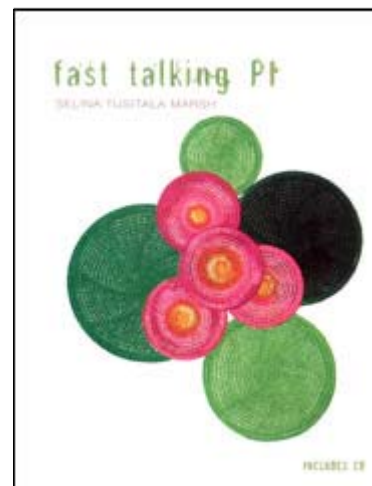
■ [Researchers on award shortlist for saving paper company millions](#)

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■ [Annie Goldson wins top FIFO honours for An Island Calling](#)

■ [University of Auckland appoints new Head of Elam School of Fine Arts](#)

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Fast Talking Pt, Selina Tusitala Marsh, Auckland University Press, PB with CD; RRP \$27.99; Alumni price \$23.80

A poetry book and CD from the UoA's first Pacific Islander to graduate with a PhD in English: 'Selina Marsh is the sassy hip-hop streetwise Samoan siren of South Pacific poetry and poetics. No, correct that: her poetry and poetics are world class. Her aesthetics

Call for Kiwi alumni host families



As the Alumni Host Family Scheme to support international students continues to grow, we are on the lookout for more families to open their homes for an evening. Now into its fourth year, the scheme allows international students to experience Kiwi hospitality and to share their experiences and it's a great social night for everyone involved.

[Read more on the Alumni and Friends website](#)

Eminent primatologist lecturing

Dr Frans de Waal from Atlanta, USA, one of the world's most prominent primatologists, is giving the Sir Douglas Robb Lectures in late March.

His theme is "Our inner ape", delving into why we are who we are. He will discuss moral emotions in humans and animals, animal empathy, and what primates know about and learn from each other.

[Get full details of his three lectures on 24, 26 and 31 March](#)

New Zealand artist exhibits at the Guggenheim



Installation shot of *Lion*, 1985, 90" quatrefoil,

Max Gimblett, Inaugural Honorary Visiting Professor of Art of the National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries (NICA), will join such artistic luminaries as Yoko Ono and Laurie Anderson in a powerful new exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum.

The Third Mind: American Artists Contemplate Asia, 1860-1989, considers the dynamic and complex impact of Asian art, literature, music, and philosophical concepts on American art. The exhibition features approximately 270 works by

and indigenous politics are meld-marvellous and her ideas will blow you away.' - Professor Witi Ihimaera

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metallic pigments and acrylic polymer on canvas.

Photo: John Savage, NZ

more than 100 artists across a broad range of media, including painting, sculpture, video art, installations, works on paper, film, live performance, books and ephemera.

This is the first time a New Zealand painter has been exhibited at the Guggenheim. Gimblett is represented in the exhibition with the 1985 work *Lion*, a 90-inch diameter quatrefoil made from metallic pigments and acrylic polymer on canvas.

[For more information, visit Max's website](#)

School of Music - new concert and event brochure available

SCHOOL OF MUSIC
CONCERT AND EVENTS
MARCH - JUNE 2009



The School of Music at The University of Auckland is an exciting and vibrant scene of wonderful music making and a major contributor to Auckland's thriving music community. The March - June 2009 concert and event brochure is now available and features students, staff and distinguished visiting artists covering classical music, popular music and jazz, as well as seminars and concerts with leading composers and scholars.

To be placed on the mailing list and/or email distribution list to receive the bi-annual concert brochure and special ticket offers, please visit www.creative.auckland.ac.nz

Yale appointment for UoA alumnus

University of Auckland alumnus Matthew Suttor has been appointed as Associate Professor (Adjunct) of Sound Design at the Yale School of Drama.

[Read more about Matthew's appointment](#)

Postgraduate Information Week 18-22 May 2009, The University of Auckland

Explore your options for postgraduate study at The University of Auckland during Postgraduate

Information week. Visit your faculty of interest for information sessions, display presentations and the opportunity to discuss your research or study interests with postgraduate advisers and current students. Network with other like-minded students and postgraduate advisers at events held all over the University throughout the week.

We'll keep you updated on all the latest information in future @auckland newsletters or visit www.auckland.ac.nz/postgraduate

NZTrio: "Vontasia" national tour Sunday 29 March to Sunday 5 April, 2009



Take a bicentennial celebration of two Teutonic masters, Haydn and Mendelssohn. Lace it with the alluring work of two contemporary Chinese composers, Chen Yi and Mike Yuen. Then top it off with a virgin gem by New Zealand-born Indonesian Wayan Yudane. And what do you get?

Vontasia, a typically exhilarating whirlwind of aural expression by NZTrio, New Zealand's acclaimed musical ensemble, renowned for its eclectic

repertoire and dynamic interpretations.

[Read more on the NZ Trio website](#)

World Class Kiwis



Auckland Bioengineering Institute Director, Distinguished Professor Peter Hunter, and Business School Advisory Board member, Dr John Buchanan, have won two categories of the World Class New Zealand Awards 2009.

The Awards are organised by Kea New Zealand and New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, and recognise the country's most outstanding "tall poppies" who give their time, knowledge and skills to help New Zealand companies and industries succeed internationally.

[Read more about the Awards](#)

Until next month,
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