## Maurea Perez-Varea Bio

Maurea Perez-Varea is of Tokelau (Nukunonu) and Rotuman descent, with Wallisian and Futunan ancestry. She was born in Suva, Fiji, and moved to New Zealand in 2009. In 2022, she graduated with a BA in Acting from Toi Whakaari NZ Drama School. Since then, she has worked with and for Pasifika Artists on projects including "L.U.T.E, Lies Underneath The Earth," written by Kasi Valu and co-directed by Kaisa Fa'atui and Albert Latailakepa. She appeared as Sina in "We Are Many", written by David Fa'auliuli Mamea and directed by Sarai Ropetu. She also portrayed Vailoloto Sā Tauilevā, a headstrong modern Samoan woman, in the Wellington development of "O le Pepelo, Le Gaoi Ma Le Pala'ai" by Natano Keni & Sarita So. She presented an 'untitled' development show, unpacking her experience living in Aotearoa through imaginative characters, movement and poetry written by Kasi Value, at the Measina Festival 2022.