



Overview

Graeae are the world's leading theatre company working with D/deaf and disabled artists. We are a force for change in world-class theatre, breaking down barriers, challenging preconceptions and boldly placing D/deaf and disabled artists centre stage around the world. In February-March 2018, Graeae will work in Chennai to deliver one of the largest outdoor spectacle performances the city has ever seen, led entirely by D/deaf and disabled artists, providing a huge cultural platform for the promotion of disability rights.

The Performance

“There are no limitations here, just glorious liberation, as the performers fly across the sky and the world explodes all around them” *The Guardian*

We'll work with up to 100 disabled and non-disabled performers from Chennai and Spanish company La Fura dels Baus, telling a story of disability, climate change and modern India, and using giant puppets, disabled aerial performers 50 metres in the air, and large scale projection to draw in crowds of up to 20,000.

Media Coverage

This will be one of the most spectacular cultural events Chennai has ever seen. We will use this platform to:

- Share advocacy messages by disabled people
- Promote and link to existing disability rights campaigns in India
- Promote the role the arts has in shifting perspectives on disability

The British Council will lead a PR drive to secure TV, radio and print coverage on a regional and national level.

20,000

live audience



TV coverage
in India

100

D/deaf and disabled
performers



UK & India national
press coverage

2

performances



Focused social media
campaign highlighting
disabled experience in India



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The Event

- A symposium on disability arts for policy makers, advocates, cultural leaders and vested interests
- A 50-minute spectacle performance to 20,000, free and open to all, with widespread press coverage
- Screening of interviews / campaign videos, alongside the performance, promoting disabled experience in India

Get involved!

We'd love to hear from you, and particularly want to speak to:

- D/deaf or disabled performers
- Singers
- Corporations that are inclusive and accessible
- Disability organisations and advocates
- Arts organisations

Partners

Graeae Theatre will partner with La Fura dels Baus, Prakriti Foundation, British Council, the British High Commission, Vidya Sagar, Artspire, Stray Factory, the Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India, Arts Council England, the Wellcome Trust, and numerous disability charities, arts organisations and companies in Chennai.