

Casting Call Out – Aruna & The Raging Sun

In February 2018, world renowned theatre companies Graeae (pronounced Grey-eye) and La Fura dels Baus will perform *Aruna & The Raging Sun* in Chennai, an outdoor show featuring giant puppets, dance being performed 50 metres in the air, with Deaf and disabled performers centre stage in a story of identity and inclusion. Rehearsals and performances will take place in Chennai.

The companies are looking for **1 male Chennai based disabled performer** to play **Aruna** and **3 female Chennai based disabled performers** to play **Mother Earth**.

Aruna – Male Disabled Performer

Aruna is the hero of the play. Aruna is born because The Sun is scorching the Earth and humanity are unable to defend themselves. Mother Earth creates Aruna who then flies to defeat The Sun. In awe, The Sun asks Aruna to be his consort to which Aruna agrees.

During the performance the person playing Aruna will be suspended from the air, high above the audience. They will also be connected to a 24 foot puppet walking around an audience of 10,000 people.

The performer of this role should feel comfortable in physical performance such as dance, circus or gymnastics and with working at height. To be considered for this role, please send a 1 minute video dance performance (either previously filmed or new) to info@graeae.org.

Mother Earth – x3 Female Disabled Performers

Mother Earth is a central character. Mother Earth loves the planet and becomes unhappy about how humanity is treating the environment. Mother Earth asks The Sun to destroy humanity but then feels that not everyone is bad. She creates Aruna who flies to defeat the Sun. Mother Earth then forms the next generation of humanity. There are three people who play Mother Earth.

These performers should feel comfortable in physical performance such as dance and movement and with working at height. We are also particularly interested in performers who have experience in Indian/ Tamil sign language.

To be considered for this role please send either a 1 minute video of dance or Indian/ Tamil signed performance (either previously filmed or new) to info@graeae.org.

Key Dates

Performers will need to be available for the following dates:

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| Rehearsals: | 12th–16th February 2018, 10am – 6pm daily |
| Technical rehearsals: | 19th-23rd February 2018, 4pm-10pm daily |
| Performances: | 24th–25th February 2018, 4pm-10pm daily |

(There may be some additional preparation time required).