

"EXTRAORDINARY BODIES. CIRCUS FOR EVERY BODY."

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN CIRQUE BIJOU

AND DIVERSE CITY



LOCATION: United Kingdom

TARGET GROUP: D/deaf, disabled and non-disabled people, onstage, backstage and in the audience

Extraordinary Bodies is a vital collaboration between show-makers, Cirque Bijou, and Diverse City, a charity that champions diversity and equity in the performing arts. Collectively, they create a unique and magical space where diverse bodies are embraced, boundaries are broken, and inclusivity is championed. Bringing together the skill and talent of D/deaf, disabled, and non-disabled artists, their work is testament to how diverse, extraordinary people can work equally together on and off stage.



Extraordinary Bodies creates powerful performances that celebrate our vast potential as humans. Exploring a vibrant mix of circus, dance, theatre, and music, they tell meaningful stories that question the value of our bodies and give a voice to those who are often silenced.

They empower the next generation of performers through Extraordinary Bodies Young Artists. Their flagship performing arts training company for disabled and non-disabled 16- to 30-year-olds makes experimental and thought-provoking work, which is performed across the UK.



Powered by passion and purpose, they rely on the support of public funding, charitable giving, and trusts and foundations. Every show is made possible by people who share their belief in inspiring a fairer and more inclusive world.

Their work has included outdoor shows, indoor touring theatre shows and one-off collaborations, as well as residencies, workshops, artist development projects and short films.

They also created [a project with the British Para orchestra](#).



Since its inception in 2012, Extraordinary Bodies has created and toured 3 major outdoor shows and 3 indoor theatre shows of varying scales. They have performed for tens of thousands of people, employed dozens of artists and worked with hundreds and hundreds of community participants in our shows.

Extraordinary Bodies champion the idea of Circus for every body. They have a vision of a future in which everyone in the audience sees people like themselves represented on stage and backstage, regardless of their colour, race, creed, gender or physical ability. Extraordinary Bodies do not make shows about disabled artists, they make shows that tell stories that are universally recognisable.



In 2022 the company was featured on BBC One's *The One Show* and in 2024 Extraordinary Bodies presented a duet aerial piece on Channel 4's *The National Lottery ParalympicGB Homecoming* to celebrate Team GB Paralympian athletes' return home from Paris 2024.

Find out more on [Extraordinary Bodies website](#).

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