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Graeae Theatre Company, the only UK theatre company made up entirely by disabled performers, workers and management and David Hevey, a disabled person and professional photographer, have, in Striking Poses, set out to break through the negativity of so much (non-disabled) representation of disabled people.

Using an interweaving of various forms including at the core drama and polaroid photography, studio backdrops and lights within a classroom context, b/w reeding into colour, costuming and role-play, the theatrical and the fantastic, they have produced a challenging photographic exhibition to help redress the destructive stereotyping of disabled youngsters.

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