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Dance concert comes to Lincoln Amphitheatre

Civil Suite, previously billed as *2001 Dance Odyssey*, will feature 19 Lincoln Amphitheatre dancers in performances on the main stage at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 24, 31, and August 7.

The 80-minute production will be presented in three acts: The Leaving, The Fighting, and The Coming Home. It will be a concert of contemporary and classical dance set to music from the Civil War era.

Steven Renner, managing director of Lincoln Amphitheatre, said, "This is a new format for the Lincoln stage. It will showcase the dancers of Lincoln Amphitheatre."

Civil Suite is choreographed by Barbara Brandt, whose work has been seen on the Lincoln Amphitheatre stage in *Big River*, *Oklahoma!*, *The Music Man*, and several productions of *Young Abe Lincoln*, including this year's play. She also is the dance and fight choreographer for this season's production of *The Sound of Music*.

Brandt recently directed and choreographed *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and choreographed *Damn Yankees* in New Jersey. Her work has been featured on New York stages and in regional theatre productions, and she also acts, stage manages, and teaches. An advanced actor combatant with the Society of American Fight Directors, she is recognized in all eight weapons and teaches with Swordplay!, the only year-round stage combat school in New York City.

Tickets are \$14, adults; \$12 for seniors (60+); and \$8 for children (under 18). They are available by calling the Lincoln Amphitheatre box office at 800/264-4ABE.

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