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## **'Side by Side by Sondheim' to Bring Familiar Songs to EIU's Doudna**

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Fans of musical theatre will likely feel like singing along to the many familiar songs in "Side by Side by Sondheim," which will be staged by Eastern Illinois University's music and theatre arts departments.

This Tony Award-winning musical, a tribute to composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim, is to be performed at 7:30 p.m. on March 27, 28, 30 and 31 in the Doudna Fine Arts Center's Black Box Theatre.

With minimal sets and costumes, a small cast, and two pianos that allow the brilliant songs to shine, "Side by Side by Sondheim" is a perfect introduction to the work of Broadway's most innovative and influential artist.

The show features some of Sondheim's best-known songs from landmark shows that revolutionized musical theatre with their masterful craft and astounding creativity, as well as classics written with musical theatre giants Leonard Bernstein, Julie Styne and Richard Rodgers, just to name a few.

The production is directed by Adam Stich and choreographed by Jean Wolski.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and EIU employees, and \$5 for students. Seating is reserved. To purchase tickets or to arrange accommodations for persons with special needs, contact Doudna Fine Arts Patron Services at 217-581-3110 or [doudnatix@eiu.edu](mailto:doudnatix@eiu.edu), or visit the Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office.

The Doudna is located one block west of Ninth Street at Garfield Avenue on the EIU campus. Free parking is available in any of the university lots at the corner of Ninth and Garfield and immediately south of the center.

The Doudna Fine Arts Center is a division of the EIU College of Arts and Humanities. For more information, please see <http://www.eiu.edu/doudna>.