BESTBETS

Dancing on the cutting edge

uman Landscape Dance will stage free performances of "Rituals of the First Year," an innovative modern dance concert, in Prospect Park, July 27 from 12-2 p.m.

The dancers present absorbing modern dance, which explores a father's experience during the first year of his daughter's life. One of the "Rituals of the First Year" that they practice is talking through touch, the primary means of communication with a newborn.

The dancers go on to embody bonding and separating, and carrying and falling. As they ride waves of change, you are encouraged to reflect on your own experience as a parent or child.

By setting their work in public spaces — against a wall, in the grass, on a sidewalk — Human Landscape Dance reveals the hidden beauty of those places we pass every day. The group uses the vibrance of their environment to underscore the passion of their performance.

This performance, which will premier new dances, is part of Human Landscape Dance's east coast tour. The group will appear in parks in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City, and Washington DC through September.

The performance lasts two hours and takes place at the Oriental Pavilion in Prospect Park, Lincoln Road & Ocean Avenue entrance, Prospect Park Station, from 12-2 p.m. on Sunday July 27.

All ages are welcome. Admission is free. For more, visit www.hldance.org.

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