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Eisenhower Dance Ensemble Presents *On the Move*

Southfield, MI – Premier contemporary dance company Eisenhower Dance Ensemble opens the 2011-12 subscription season with *On the Move* on Saturday, October 29 at 8 pm and Sunday, October 30 at 2 pm at Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall in Rochester. There will be a prelude 30 minutes before each show, which will be performed by student dancers from the EDE Center for Dance. The program includes new works, old favorites, and collaboration with Moving Ethos Dance Company.

Highlights of Eisenhower Dance Ensemble's *On the Move* program will be the premieres of a new work by Artistic Director, Laurie Eisenhower and Associate Artistic Director, Stephanie Pizzo. Eisenhower's *Threads* is a luscious and passionate work for eight dancers, whereas Pizzo's *Taking Back* is more quirky and percussive. Both works were set on the company this past month for premiere during this production.

Also on the program will be reconstructions of past works, which include Eisenhower's *Is This the Part*, the most physically demanding piece of the program, *The Music Lesson*, which utilizes old recordings of narrated music lessons spliced with new music samples, giving a tongue-in-cheek version of music history and form and *Open Veins*, a recent pure-movement work that will be performed by the EDE apprentice dancers.

Founded in 2008, Moving Ethos Dance Company presents accessible, intimate dance theatre that is "not only moving in and of itself, but breathtakingly beautiful." Flirting with both comedy and drama, artistic directors Courtney Smith & Leah Verier-Dunn aim to connect with the audience through relevant and socially conscious choreography. The duets featured in this program deal with the cycle of discovery, investigation, tribulations and revelry that happen with every human relationship.

Tickets are \$18 for general admission and \$10 for students. Tickets are available at the Varner Box Office, open Tuesday through Saturday, 3-6 pm and one hour before performances. Purchase general admission tickets by phone (248) 370-3013 or online at starticketsplus.com with no service fee.

Founded in 1991, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble is a professional contemporary dance company based in metro-Detroit. Now in its 21st season, EDE is considered by many critics to be one of the nation's premier contemporary dance companies. EDE also offers world-class dance instruction to students of all ages and levels of ability at its two school locations. For more information about EDE, please visit www.ede-dance.org or call the EDE offices at 248-559-2095.

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