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## **Eisenhower Dance Ensemble *December Dances* Performance to Include Two Michigan Premieres**

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. – The Eisenhower Dance Ensemble (EDE), Detroit’s premier contemporary dance company, will present two Michigan premieres at their annual performance, *December Dances*, on Friday, December 9 at 8 p.m. at Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills. *December Dances* is EDE’s second subscription performance of the 2011-2012 season.

For the first time ever, Michigan audiences will have the chance to experience *Nature of Human* by choreographer Elizabeth Shea, and *Dance Sport* by choreographer Harrison McEldowney.

“We’re very excited about the opportunity to present both *Nature of Human* and *Dance Sport* to Michigan audiences,” said EDE Artistic Director Laurie Eisenhower. “It was a great experience for the dancers to work with both of the choreographers. *Nature of Human* is unique in that it utilizes video projections and integrates the visual imagery with the dance. *Dance Sport* is just plain fun. I know the audience will enjoy the comedy.”

Elizabeth Shea’s choreography has been performed by World Dance Alliance, the National Dance Association and the American College Dance Festival Association, among other national and international venues. *Nature of Human*, is a piece that explores the three facets of our human existence; mind, body, and spirit.

Harrison McEldowney’s choreography has been featured in film, television, on Broadway, and most famously, at the closing ceremonies of the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. He is the inaugural recipient of the Prince Prize and has received the Ruth Page, After Dark, and Choo-San Goh Awards for choreography. *Dance Sport* is a witty satire on competitive sports and professional dance.

The performance will also include revivals of audience favorites by Eisenhower, as well as a new work by EDE ensemble member, Alicia Cutaia. Eisenhower's revivals will include two comedic works, *Revenge of the Snowflakes* and *Just my Luck*, as well as a piece which Eisenhower created as an antithesis to Riverdance, called *Ceilidh*. Cutaia's work, titled *Impact*, will be set on the EDE apprentices.

Tickets are \$18 for regular admission, \$14 for seniors and \$10 for students. Tickets are available by phone at (248) 559-2095.

Founded in 1991, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble is a professional contemporary dance company based in metro-Detroit. Now in its 21st season, EDE is considered 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, please visit [www.ede-dance.org](http://www.ede-dance.org) or call the EDE offices at 248-559-2095.

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