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## **Eisenhower Dance Ensemble Announces its 20th Anniversary Season**

Rochester Hills, MI, June 22, 2010 – Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, Michigan’s premier contemporary dance company, will celebrate twenty years during its 2010-2011 subscription season. Since its inception in 1991, EDE has maintained a clear vision, showcasing works by Laurie Eisenhower and guest choreographers. To commemorate this vision, EDE will mark this celebratory year with the theme 20/20, a name that offers a chance to reflect on past highlights and to imagine the future of EDE.

“I am so excited to have reached this landmark year,” says EDE founder and Artistic Director Laurie Eisenhower, “We have grown from a small company of four dancers on a pay-per-performance basis to an established, sustainable institution of professional dancers with a sophisticated board and supporting staff.”

Since getting its start in Metro-Detroit, venues across the world have welcomed EDE. Laurie Eisenhower offers these highlights: “Some of my favorite moments have been our New York City debut, our tour to Russia, the success of *Motown in Motion*, which we will perform at the Detroit Opera House this year, and our *Dances from the Heart of Rock ‘n Roll* production. Opening the EDE Center for Dance has also been a highlight.”

EDE will kick off its 20th season on October 23 at 8:00 p.m. at Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester, MI. The program, titled *On the Move*, will demonstrate EDE’s commitment to performing works by a variety of choreographers. *On the Move* will welcome guest company Detroit Dance Collective, which will present a work by the late José Limón. An encore performance will take place Sunday, October 24 at 2:00 p.m.

EDE’s second subscription concert, *20/20 Dance*, will take place Friday, December 10 at 8:00 p.m. at Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills, MI. The program will include favorite dances from the past 20 years as well as newly choreographed works. The highlight of the program will be a premiere by Daniel Gwartzman, winner of EDE’s second Choreography Competition.

The Detroit Opera House will welcome EDE for the in-demand repertory work *Motown in Motion* on Saturday March 20, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. With music and dance, EDE will celebrate the music of Motown. “I am thrilled to perform *Motown in Motion* at the Detroit Opera House. EDE is very much a metro-Detroit dance company, and it will be fun to take dance inspired by the city’s music to the heart of downtown,” says EDE artistic director Laurie Eisenhower.

EDE’s 20th Anniversary season will close on April 16, 2011 with *Two Decades of Dance in Detroit*. A gala event, the performance will feature former EDE dancers performing alongside current members of the Company. The dancing starts at 8:00 p.m. at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Clinton Township, MI.

“Celebrating 20 years of dance in Detroit is particularly important at this time of uncertainty in the city. It is wonderful to go on stage at home and across the country knowing that we contribute to the vitality of the city’s arts,” says Laurie Eisenhower.

*Founded in 1991, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble is a professional contemporary dance company based in metro-Detroit. Now in its 20th season, EDE is considered by many critics to be Michigan’s premier contemporary dance company. 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](http://www.ede-dance.org) or all the EDE offices at 248-559-2095.*

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