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Eisenhower Dance Ensemble Presents *NewDANCEfest VIII*

Rochester Hills, MI, January 7, 2010 - In its third subscription series performance of the 2009-2010 season, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble (EDE) will present an evening of contemporary choreography entitled *NewDANCEfest VIII*. The centerpiece of the performance will be a preview of *Escargot* by Louis Falco, which is being set on the company by Alan Sener with a National Endowment for the Arts funded American Masterpiece Grant.

NewDANCEfest VIII will be performed on January 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Troy Performing Arts Center in Troy, MI.

Escargot, a 17-minute tour-de-force and a tribute to modern dance of the late 1970s, was created in March of 1978 by Louis Falco. Falco was most famous for choreographing the original movie *Fame* and for making the cross from the stage to commercial work. Alan Sener, who will set the *Escargot* choreography on EDE, was a member of The Louis Falco Dance Company. Sener is currently a choreographer and Professor of Dance at the University of Iowa.

Says EDE Artistic Director Laurie Eisenhower, "The annual *NewDANCEfest* is one of my favorite concerts, where we present some of our most contemporary repertory. I am particularly excited to be presenting *Escargot*. I think the audience will love it."

Also on the program is *Pyre* by Colin Conner. EDE first performed *Pyre* in 1999, and Conner graciously agreed to allow EDE to revive the work this year.

EDE will also present a tribute to Michael Jackson titled *Don't Stop Till You Get Enough*. A new work from choreographer and EDE Associate Artistic Director Stephanie Pizzo, *Don't Stop* was premiered to broad acclaim in Santa Barbara, CA in November of 2009. Audiences will also be treated to *Moon Dances*, an audience favorite choreographed by Laurie Eisenhower in 1993.

In addition, the Company will perform new choreography by Laurie Eisenhower titled *The Music Lesson*, a comedic, tongue-in-cheek work of contemporary dance dedicated to her music colleague Maury Okun.

Performance

NewDANCEfest VIII

Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Preview with EDE Center student companies at 7:00 p.m.

Troy Performing Arts Center

4777 Northfield Parkway

Troy, MI

Tickets

\$16 General, \$12 Senior, \$8 Students

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Now in its 19th year, EDE is a professional repertory dance company based in Rochester Hills, MI. Founded by Laurie Eisenhower in the summer of 1991, EDE has earned critical acclaim along with enthusiastic audience support. In addition to offering the area's premier professional dancers, EDE gives world-class dance instruction to students of all ages and levels of ability at its two EDE Center for Dance locations in Rochester Hills and Birmingham.

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