



MEET THE DANCERS BARBARA SCHOEN

What drew you to dance?

I started dancing because my older sisters danced. It really became a passion when I performed with Ballet International in *The Nutcracker* at the Detroit Opera House. I felt the excitement and I never wanted to lose that feeling.

Who or what inspires you to dance?

The challenge of dancing inspires me. Everyday there is a new challenge to conquer and when I do it feels so rewarding.

What do you think is special about Eisenhower Dance Ensemble?

EDE is a great company. With this year being its 20th anniversary, it has stood the test of time. Everyone involved is so excited and wants the best for the company. Dancing with EDE is such a great opportunity. Laurie is an amazing director. She truly cares about each of the dancers and she has an great gift for choreography. I am so happy to be part of this amazing organization!

What has been your most exciting dance experience?

At Fort Wayne Ballet, there was a performance called *Dancing Waters*. It was a modern version of Act 2 of *Swan Lake* choreographed by David Ingram. The performance was held in a fountain outside. It was an awesome experience to do something outside the box.

Besides dance, what are your other passions?

Reading historical fiction books. I love the drama and the history mixed together!