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**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble to Perform *Motown in Motion* at the
Detroit Opera House**

Rochester Hills, MI, February 14, 2011 – On Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 pm, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble will continue celebrating two decades of dance in Detroit with *Motown in Motion*, a production uniting music and dance in an evening of Motown hits. The performance will take place at the Detroit Opera House.

Motown in Motion will take the audience on a tour through decades of Motown classics in a fast and fun production of music and dance. This visual salute to the tunes that rocked the Motor City and made Motown Records famous includes dance vignettes performed by Eisenhower Dance Ensemble to recordings from top Motown artists, such as the Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Gladys Knight, Smokey Robinson, Michael Jackson, the Supremes, and Stevie Wonder, among others.

The dance vignettes for *Motown in Motion* were created by an impressive roster of nationally and internationally respected choreographers, including Joel Hall, Ginger Thatcher, Stephanie Pizzo, Lindsey Thomas, Gregory Patterson, and EDE artistic director Laurie Eisenhower. Playful and humorous, *Motown in Motion* is designed to appeal to a diverse audience of all ages, Motown fans and dance aficionados alike. It presents an entertaining look at Motown, a distinctly American artistic and cultural legacy.

"I am thrilled to perform *Motown in Motion* at the Detroit Opera House," states EDE artistic director Laurie Eisenhower. "My intention was not to replicate the dances that were performed in the 60's and 70's because that choreography was created as a backdrop to the music. In our production, the dancing is elevated to a more virtuosic level and clearly takes center stage. EDE is very much a metro-Detroit dance company, so it will be fun to take dance inspired by the city's music to the heart of downtown."

Currently in its 20th anniversary season, EDE was founded in the summer of 1991 in metropolitan Detroit. Since its inception Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, hailed as one of the Midwest's premier contemporary dance companies, has been dedicated to the performance of a diverse range of contemporary dance works. In addition to her own highly acclaimed dances, Eisenhower is committed to showcasing the work of talented young choreographers and those with established reputations. The company has toured theatres across the United States, and internationally as far as St. Petersburg, Russia.

Concert Information

Motown in Motion

Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 pm

Detroit Opera House

1526 Broadway

Detroit, MI 48226

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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 or all the EDE offices at 248-559-2095.

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