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Eisenhower Dance Ensemble Kicks off 2011 with NewDANCEfest IX

Rochester Hills, MI, December 20, 2010 – In its third subscription concert of its twentieth anniversary season, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble will present an evening of contemporary dance titled *NewDANCEfest IX*. The concert takes place Friday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Troy Center for the Performing Arts.

States Artistic Director Laurie Eisenhower, "*NewDANCEfest* is an annual event where we present works by a variety of renowned and emerging choreographers. To celebrate our twentieth anniversary, we are reviving some of the works that had their premier at *NewDANCEfest*. Because the program features a wide variety of choreography, it will showcase the versatile talent of the EDE dancers."

True to EDE's mission of collaboration, the Company will team up with the Troy Jazz Ensemble, directed by Brian Nutting. The Jazz Ensemble will perform between dances, and accompany a duet choreographed by EDE Associate Artistic Director Stephanie Pizzo.

Mosaics, a signature work from the Company's early years, will be presented, as well as *Unconditional*, a dramatic and moving work by Stephanie Pizzo.

Eisenhower's sense of humor will be on full display in *Your Arizona, My Arizona*, a spoof set to country-western songs. The dance uses an old-fashioned slideshow, audience participation and poor renditions of country songs to satirize tourists' impressions of Eisenhower's home state.

Says Eisenhower, "Having grown up in Arizona, I am always struck by the misconceptions that some people in the East have about my home state. The dance pokes fun at tourists, cowboys, and country-western music. It's satirical and fun!"

EDE will preview *Motown in Motion* with the dance *Motomix*, choreographed by Chicago choreographer Joel Hall. The full production will be performed on March 20, 2011 at the Detroit Opera House.

Not Even a Postcard, created in collaboration with Laurie Eisenhower and Oakland University theater professor Karen Sheridan, makes a mockery of ambition and includes improvised elements, making each performance unique.

Celebrating the future vision of the Company, EDE will present a newer work by Daniel Gwirtzman. Titled *Encore*, the dance had its Michigan premier at EDE's concert, *20/20 Dance* in December of 2010. The dance is performed as though the Company is conducting a rehearsal and then dancing in a performance, offering a glimpse into the life of a dancer.

Concert Information

NewDANCEfest IX

Friday, January 14, 7:30 PM (Prelude with EDE Center Student companies at 7:00 p.m.)

Troy Performing Arts Center, 4777 Northfield Parkway, Troy, MI

Tickets: \$16 adult, \$12 senior, \$8 student **Box Office:** 248-559-2095

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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