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Eisenhower Dance Ensemble to perform with New York company

The Eisenhower Dance Ensemble (EDE) opens its 14th subscription season on Saturday, Oct. 30, with a joint performance by the Amy Marshall Dance Company (AMDC) from New York, NY. In January, the EDE will travel to New York City to perform again with the Amy Marshall Dance Company during the 2005 Association of Performing Arts Presenters Conference.

The Oct. 30 performance, which begins at 8 p.m. in Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall, will include choreography from Steven Iannacone, Amy Marshall and OU Professor of Dance Laurie Eisenhower and is being presented by Oakland University's **Department of Music, Theater and Dance** with support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

"The company is very excited to be sharing the stage with the Amy Marshall Dance Company," Eisenhower said. "Each company will be performing three works on the program. I think the combination of alternating between two companies will create a fabulous, eclectic evening of dance for the audience."

EDE will perform Steve Iannacone's "Bolero" a powerful work set to the famous score by Ravel. Eisenhower's "Night Music," choreographed to Mozart's famous "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (A Little Night Music)" also will be included in their portion of the program. This comedic work premiered last April and utilizes six dancers and a couch. The final piece for the EDE will be "Long Way Round," a driving contemporary work with music by Robert Moran that originally was choreographed for EDE's New York City debut.

Eisenhower founded the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble in the summer of 1991 in metro Detroit. Many critics now consider it one of the finest contemporary dance companies in the Midwest. A professional repertory company touring nationally, EDE has received overwhelming critical acclaim along with enthusiastic audience support. EDE's concert schedule has taken it to theatres throughout the United States as well as a tour to St. Petersburg, Russia.

The Amy Marshall Dance Company was founded in February 2000, and under the direction of Artistic Director Amy Marshall, has already become well known for innovative choreography and energetic performances. AMDC is comprised of seven talented dancers whose individuality adds a wonderful uniqueness to each piece.

Tickets for the Oct. 30 performance are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 for students and can be purchased at the Varner Box Office by calling (248) 370-3013.

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