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MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE PRESENTS EISENHOWER DANCE'S *25TH ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE*

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One Performance Only, January 23, at the Detroit Opera House

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DETROIT, January 5, 2016 – Michigan Opera Theatre presents Eisenhower Dance's 25th Anniversary performance, celebrating the company's 25th year as metro Detroit's premier dance company, for one performance **Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

"The 25th Anniversary is certainly a milestone, and performing at the Detroit Opera House is an indication of our growth over the past 25 years. The January 23rd performance will mark our fourth appearance at DOH and each one is more exciting than the last. I have to say it is an honor to grace the stage of the Opera House. We love performing in the heart of Detroit on such a wonderful stage – and to such a large and supportive audience," said **Laurie Eisenhower, artistic director of Eisenhower Dance.**

The company will perform Eisenhower's reconstruction of *The Rite of Spring* to Stravinsky's iconic score, which will be played live by pianists Eugene and Elisabeth Pridonoff and Percussion Group Cincinnati. The program will also include *Evermore*, a work from the company's early years, which highlights E/D's range of choreography and the growth of the dancers throughout the years, and "Bolero" to the music of Maurice Ravel – a work that was created for last season's premiere of E/D's *The Light Show*. Dancers from Wayne State University will perform with the company in "Bolero."

MOT's 2015-2016 dance season is supported by the **Lear Corporation**. The Michigan Opera Theatre Dance Council is hosting a champagne reception immediately following the performance, which will feature champagne and light hors d'oeuvres, to raise funds for dance at MOT. Tickets are \$45 per person and may be purchased at michiganopera.org.

A **free dance talk**, given by E/D's Artistic Director Laurie Eisenhower, begins one hour prior to the performance. A **master class** is available for intermediate/advanced level dancers, ages 14 and older, at 11 a.m. January 23, 2016. Pre-registration is required, by emailing dance@motopera.org.

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Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$89. Tickets may be purchased online at www.MichiganOpera.org, by calling 313-237-7464, or in person at the Detroit Opera House ticket office (1526 Broadway, Detroit). Tickets may also be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, at any Ticketmaster outlet, or by calling 800-745-3000.

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About Michigan Opera Theatre

Michigan Opera Theatre (Wayne S. Brown, President and CEO; David DiChiera, Founder and Artistic Director), one of the nation's most vibrant nonprofit arts organizations, is committed to presenting opera and dance of the highest artistic caliber. Founded in 1971, the company's mission is to serve as a major cultural resource to the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit. Visit the website at www.michiganopera.org.

About Eisenhower Dance

Eisenhower Dance ("E/D") is a nationally-touring contemporary dance company based in metropolitan Detroit. Considered one of the finest dance repertory ensembles in the nation, E/D is dedicated to the performance of a diverse range of works by both established and emerging choreographers, as well as its Artistic Director, Laurie Eisenhower.