

## OVERVIEW

Established in metropolitan Detroit by Founding Artistic Director, Laurie Eisenhower, in 1991, **Eisenhower Dance Detroit**, a professional contemporary dance repertory company, has given life to the work of internationally-known choreographers and its founding director for 28 years. With a new artistic director, Stephanie Pizzo, at the helm following Ms. Eisenhower's retirement, the company continues its artistic mission through collaborations with artists across genres including composers, visual designers, and musicians. Recent collaborators have included techno-artist, Aaron Siegel; video projection artist, Adam Ludwig; and lighting designer, David Goodman-Edberg . The company has performed works by choreographers Micaela Taylor, Nicolo Fonte, Joshua Peugh, Christian Denise and Edgar Zendejas to name a few. EDD also engages in collaborations with arts organizations including the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, the Rackham Symphony Choir, the Immigrant Suns, Michigan Opera Theatre, the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, The Toledo Opera, and the Detroit Institute of Arts to name a few. Since its inception, Eisenhower Dance Detroit has grown from a small pick-up company into a thirteen-dancer roster employing nine professional company dancers and four apprentices. These artists have joined the EDD family from regions across the country. As the company's mission states, Eisenhower Dance Detroit strives "to be a professional repertory company that, through outstanding performances and educational services, strives to deepen the understanding and appreciation of contemporary dance regionally, nationally, and internationally." Ms. Pizzo continues to expand the company's innovative style and artistic vision while still honoring the legacy of Eisenhower Dance Detroit's founder. Under her artistic leadership, EDD also works to further the art of contemporary dance both as a means to present beautiful, athletic, and engaging repertory and as a vehicle to reflect on and explore issues of social significance.

In collaboration with Detroit electro-pop violin band, Nuclassica, the exhilarating double bill **Bach2Beatles** premiered in October, 2019. This program features EDD Artistic Director, Stephanie Pizzo's, *The Lovely Exchange*, set to Bach's *Partita for Violin Solo No. 1 in B Minor* and the premiere of her new suite of dances set to the timeless music of the Beatles (can be toured with or without live musical accompaniment).

For the Presenter to engage Eisenhower Dance Detroit (referred to hereafter as "the Company"), all requirements as outlined in this technical rider must be met. Certain modifications for the considerations of a specific venue may be possible, provided they are negotiated and agreed upon prior to the arrival of the Company. Any information and documentation regarding the particulars of the venue such as technical packets, light plots, drawings, inventories and so forth shall be provided to the Company by the Presenter at a minimum of five (5) weeks prior to the arrival of the Company so that they may adapt the performance as needed to suit the venue.

**ESTIMATED CREW REQUIREMENTS AND SCHEDULE**

Eisenhower Dance is a non-yellow card attraction. An estimated six (6) hours will be needed for load in and focus and three (3) hours for load out.

Depending on the nature of the venue, crew requirements may vary from those described below (a typical example). Specific crew needs are to be discussed and agreed upon with each venue.

	LOAD IN	SHOW CALL	LOAD OUT
ELECTRICIANS	2 (minimum) / 6 (preferred)	2	2 (minimum) / 6 (preferred)
AUDIO	1	1	1
FLY	1	1	1

The company requires that the venue be available for ten (10) hours minimum the day before the first performance for load in and rehearsal purposes, and four (4) hours before the curtain the day of the first performance for technical/dress rehearsal purposes.

The full show running crew is to be called for all technical and dress rehearsals and performances, and in places and on headset no later than five (5) minutes prior to set call times.

A specific schedule will be produced by the company upon agreement of number of performances and times.

**STAGE**

PROSCENIUM WIDTH	26'-0" (minimum)	36'-0" (preferred)	without stage level obstructions
PROSCENIUM HEIGHT	16'-0" (minimum)	24'-0" (preferred)	
GRID HEIGHT	16'-0" (minimum)	50'-0" (preferred)	
STAGE DEPTH	16'-0" (minimum)	22'-0" (preferred)	of danceable space

- Deck must be flat and sprung—the Company can not dance on concrete or wood laid directly on concrete.
- There are to be no obstructions in any stage, backstage, wing, or crossover areas that might result in dancer injury or present a tripping hazard. Hazards such as cable runs, boom bases, rough cement, or slippery surfaces may be protected with carpets or mats, for example.
- Presenter must provide a black Marley dance floor to be laid stage left to stage right.
- Theater to have a full fly system with available and open line sets midstage and upstage for added suspended scenic elements. Theaters without a fly system may engage Eisenhower Dance but possible work arounds should be discussed in advance and it may impact what may be performed in the space.
- Floor must be swept and mopped no later than an hour prior to performances and rehearsals in the space.

- The stage space and any backstage areas dancers may wait in or pass through must be kept between a minimum of 72° F and a maximum of 76° F or the Company may be unable to rehearse or perform.

### **BACK STAGE**

- Access to a wardrobe area or room containing a professional steamer, an ironing board and working steam iron, hangers and hanging positions for at least forty (40) costumes
- At least two (2) dressing rooms or private areas, able to fit up to ten (10) performers each. These are to be equipped with mirrors, bright, direct lighting, and accessible additional power
- Stage management calling position to be adapted to the venue, but preferred backstage. Calling position must have a monitor with a straight on video feed of the stage and, preferably, a dressing room page mic

### **SOFT GOODS**

*These may be somewhat adapted to the venue. Below is the Company's preferred soft good list:*

- One (1) main curtain (guillotine preferred)
- Four (4) pairs of black legs
- Four (4) black borders
- Two (2) full stage black drop (one midstage and one upstage)
- One (1) full stage width white cyclorama

### **SCENIC**

*Company travels with several scenic items including the following:*

- Four (4) 53" x 20'-0" textured grey fire retardant treated drops with grommets/ties at the top, all hung on a lineset approximately 18'-0" - 20'-0" upstage from the plaster line.
- Three (3) suspended white plastic tube "ladders," approximately 10' wide x 14' tall hung from an upstage lineset as a sculptural scenic element (more specifics for this item can be provided as needed).

### **LIGHTING**

- ETC EOS Family lighting console running up to date software (ETC ION preferred) with a minimum of 250 channels.
- A minimum of 144 x 1.2kw or 96 x 2.4kw dimmers
- Venue to provide color for all overhead and front of house instruments as specified in plot and paperwork. Templates and boom color travel with company.
- Sufficient offstage running light (preferably colored dark blue) to ensure backstage safety without noticeable light spill on stage.
- Red "spotting light" at the rear of the house on the centerline, ideally at dancer eye-level (may be a gelled clip light, for example).
- Tech table to be setup in the house (preferably in the center of the house) for all technical and dress rehearsal times with the light board or RVI, two (2) headsets, a sound input, and a "god mic"

- Lighting director will work with the venue to adapt the plot as needed to the space - below are typical equipment quantities:
  - Eight (8) sidelight booms of at least 8'-0", each capable of supporting at least five (5) instruments (hung off of side-arms, ideally)
  - Approximately sixty three (63) lekos, Source Fours lamped at 115v/575w (preferred):
    - 10x 5°/10°/19° Units (depending on F.O.H. throw)
    - 3x 26° Units
    - 48x 36° Units
    - 2x 50° Units
  - Approximately fourteen (14) LED lekos, ETC Lustr Series 2 preferred:
    - 8x 36° Units
    - 6x 50° Units
  - Approximately thirty (30) wide or medium flood (depending on trim height) PAR 64s lamped at 1000w or S4 PARS
  - Sufficient 3 or 4-cell conventional or LED cyc/strip lights to evenly wash the cyclorama across the width of the stage
  - LED ground row (strips such as Colorforce II preferred) sufficient to evenly wash the cyclorama across the width of the stage
    - Note: Between the first and second piece, these will need to shift downstage to uplight a scenic element downstage of the cyclorama
  - Four B-size gobo rotators with DMX control that are compatible with the LED lekos
  - At least two hazers employing non-toxic water-based fluid capable of delivering sufficient haze to fill the stage space and a fan
  - A number of the conventional lights may be replaced with LED and/or moving lights with advance approval by the lighting director. This could allow for a tighter load in time, with approval, as well.
- Light plot (to be provided by the Company) shall be hung, circuited, checked, and gelled, as well as all soft goods hung where indicated on the plot, prior to the Company's arrival to the theater

## AUDIO

- A sound system, complete with all necessary mixing, equalization, amplification and speakers, capable of delivering full range sound to every seat at a minimum of 85dba
- Four on-stage monitors (with discreet control from that of the house PA) to provide full range sound to the stage, with a minimum of two monitor speakers on each side.
  - If the performance will include Nuclassica's live musical accompaniment, two additional dedicated monitors for the musicians will be needed located at the front of the stage

# TECHNICAL RIDER

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- A male, stereo eighth inch connection into the sound system for the Company's sound computer. The computer must be able to be connected to the sound system from both the tech table position and the show calling position.
- A portable boombox or alternate mobile temporary sound system with an eighth inch stereo input cable for use on stage for company classes and spacing (to be present at all times)
- At least five (5) wired or wireless headsets and belt packs for show communication at the following stations: stage management, audio, lighting, SL deck/SR deck, fly rail.
- If the performance will include Nuclassica's live musical accompaniment, their DJ/production manager will provide wireless transmitters, mics, and receivers for their instruments and will need only a stereo line out to be sent to the house PA from an offstage position (flexible based on the venue). Additional specifics (including information about wireless transmission frequencies) can be coordinated through their DJ/production manager.

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