Accompanist/Musical Director
Dance Program

Williams College is a coeducational liberal arts institution located in the Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts with easy access to the culturally rich cities of Albany, Boston, and New York City. The study of dance at Williams is grounded in the understanding that dance is a universal art form. In the context of a liberal arts education we provide opportunity for students to study technique, choreography, perform and research ancient and contemporary forms.

The College is pleased to announce an opening for an Accompanist/Musical Director in the Dance Program. This is an exciting opportunity for a professional musician who specializes in dance accompaniment, composing and education. The Accompanist composes in collaboration with faculty and guest artists, as well as supports students’ creative work and provides live accompaniment for classes, rehearsals, concerts and workshops. Our five ensembles: Dance Company, Kusika, the Zambezi Marimba Band, Sankofa, and INISH exemplifies various styles of dance including Irish, both traditional and contemporary Ballet Modern, West and South African. Successful candidates will have a strong interdisciplinary approach with an emphasis in Modern and African dance.

Candidates should have a minimum of a Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent experience in accompanying dance classes or musical theater. Musical composition, improvisation and creativity are essential. The ability to play percussion, piano and other instruments at a high level is required. Candidates must possess excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to relate well to a diverse population and work as part of a team. This is a full-time, nine-month academic year, two-year term position, beginning late August 2009. Review of resumes will begin immediately and will continue until position is filled.

Please apply to Job #300572

Please send a cover letter and resume including Job number to:

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