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## **Big-Name Choreographer to Offer Forum at IWU**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – David Dorfman, top-tier choreographer and founder of David Dorfman Dancers, is in residency at Illinois Wesleyan University. He will be holding an open forum Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 4 p.m. in the Beckman Auditorium, located in The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington). Dorfman will show examples of his work via DVD and will field questions. The forum is free and open to the public.

Dorfman comes to the university through the efforts of the National College Choreographer Initiative, the IWU Provosts office and the School of Theatre Arts. During his stay at IWU Dorfman will speak in and teach classes in the dance and theatre departments. He will select a group of 16 IWU students to learn a dance piece he choreographed. This dance will be performed April 11–15 as part of the 2006 Dance Concert.

The New York-based company, David Dorfman Dancers, has won seven Bessie awards, annually presented to a dance company that regularly performs theatrical dance.

Dorfman has recently joined Connecticut College as a full-time faculty member, but he is no less involved with his dance company. His style of choreography has been called “innovative,” combining both text and dance in a style called dance theater.