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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AFRICAN DANCE TO BE FEATURED IN FREE WORKSHOP

CHARLESTON -- Interested persons will have the unique opportunity to learn the art of African dance from one of the masters. Tarin T. Dumas-Hampton, who appeared in and managed three international dance companies for the Atlanta Olympics' opening and closing ceremonies, will conduct a dance workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Feb. 9, in Eastern Illinois University's Student Recreation Center's aerobics room.

The event is part of Eastern's African-American Heritage Celebration, taking place during the month of February.

Dumas-Hampton has frequently conducted similar seminars elsewhere, including Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

The technique she will present will not be difficult but it does involve a considerable amount of movement. Previous experience is not necessary; beginners and observers are welcome to attend and should feel free to come and go as schedules permit.

Non-marking rubber-soled shoes or bare feet are required.

The session is free and open to the public, as well as to all Eastern students, faculty and staff. For information, phone Jim Irwin at 581-6402.

The workshop is being co-sponsored by Eastern's physical education department, the Student Recreation Center and the African American Heritage Celebration Committee.