

January 10, 2016

To whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Kehinde Ishangi as a candidate for Assistant Professor in the Department of Theater and Dance at Tulane. I have had the opportunity to work with Kehinde, during her time as a Master of Fine Arts candidate at Florida State University (FSU) and as a professional artist who I have hired to work for Urban Bush Women (UBW).

Kehinde is an exceptional woman who skillfully integrates intellectual query, experiential knowledge, research and aesthetic frameworks into her teaching and professional work. As a student, Kehinde was a valuable, responsible and thoughtful leader in the graduate student community. During our time at FSU we developed more of a collegial relationship than a student-teacher relationship. That had to do with Kehinde's maturity and focus.

Since that time Kehinde has committed herself to furthering her studies in Dance Science where she has shown an exceptional teaching and research aptitude for this complex and burgeoning field. UBW has hired her as a faculty member to teach conditioning in UBW's critically acclaimed Summer Leadership Institute as a teacher and performer. She exhibited great leadership and a thorough knowledge of her craft, as a body science practitioner, teacher and performer. Her commitment to performance and her skills as a dancer and teacher make her a really valuable asset to the New Orleans dance community. She brings both dance science with artistic skills as a performer and a teacher to the table.

Kehinde will be an excellent community member and has been invaluable as community engagement support and as a liaison for UBW's work in New Orleans. She brings her extensive national and international professional experience to the New Orleans community in both her teaching and her performance work.

I wholeheartedly recommend Kehinde for the Assistant Professor in the Department of Theater and Dance. If you have any questions, please contact me at 347-262-0054.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jawole Willa Jo Zollar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jawole Willa Jo Zollar
Robert O. Lawton and Nancy Smith Fichter Professor of Dance, Florida State University
Founding Artistic Director, Urban Bush Women

