“The motivating force behind my work is not only developing excellent dancers, but more importantly, developing young people who are useful, imaginative, worthwhile human beings.”

VIRGINIA TANNER (1915-1979)
Welcome to the Tanner Dance Program Fine Arts Preschool

Your child is about to embark upon a wondrous journey. The world of fine arts provides children with infinite opportunities to discover themselves and the world around them in a whole new way. The University of Utah Tanner Dance Program Fine Arts Preschool provides an environment in which your child will be guided through creative exploration and become a life-long learner.

As parents, you are giving your child an extraordinary gift – a key to unlock his or her imagination, cognitive development, and the ability to discover themselves. The Fine Arts Preschool staff is delighted to be a part of this magical journey.

Music, dance, drama, literature, creative writing, and visual art are elements that bridge creative intelligence with the cognitive realms of a child’s mind. By exposing a child to music, rhythm, tone, and pitch, we are heightening their sensitivity to sounds in vocabulary and phonics and building their literacy development, which strengthens their ability to socially interact and verbally express their emotions. Dance explores fine motor coordination, self-expression, self-control, physical development, working with a partner, spatial relationships, movement qualities, and mathematic introductions using note value and simple fractions. Drama promotes role-playing, verbal communication, vocabulary, numeracy skills, social interaction, cooperation, emotional intelligence, and self-confidence.

Through a child’s natural curiosity, literature provides a wonderful catalyst for thought provoking ideas, reasoning, recall, creative play, social cognition, and builds problem-solving skills. Creative writing allows for reflective thinking, story sequencing and helps children understand the individuality of their own ideas. Visual art education strengthens eye-hand and fine motor coordination skills. It gives form to an idea generated in the brain, allowing students to form mental images and introducing them to spatial awareness, which can be used to problem-solve. Chemists, engineers, architects and inventors use visual art to create models in order to bring new ideas to life.

The Fine Arts Preschool promotes motivated learning and celebrates multiple perspectives. The imagination is one of life’s essential ingredients. With our philosophy of arts and education integration, we are preparing a child’s foundation for success on many levels. We are preparing a child who can perceive and enjoy a deeper sense of life’s beauty.

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Children must be challenged to use their imaginations — so not just to dream dreams, but to make those dreams come true.

Dance engages our physicality. Dance communicates expression of oneself through the desire to move and control motion. This process begins even before birth.

Visual Arts engage our eyes and our inner vision. Our perceptions are stimulated, challenged, and broadened. We then express our perceptions by creating art from a variety of media.

Music engages our sense of hearing and the creation and/or interpretation of sounds. These sounds, in turn, are used to express an endless variety of feelings or experiences.

Drama and Literature engage our emotions and allow us to express or empathize with our humanness. We are challenged to internalize and interpret, evaluate, critique, and formulate conclusions.

Creative Writing engages our mind in synthesizing information from all avenues of learning and allows us to communicate those thoughts by abstract symbols others can read and interpret.

The opportunity to experience the arts becomes very important as we grow so we are trained to bring our whole being into the process of living.

Miss Anne Cannon co-founded the Fine Arts Preschool in 1992 as an extension of the Arts for the Young Program that she and Virginia Tanner began in the 1960s. Miss Anne continues to contribute her time and talent to these programs.
Misha Moffat
began her career performing with the Children’s Dance Theatre (CDT) in 1979. She is trained in the philosophy of integrating dance and visual arts within The Arts for the Young and Dance/Art Programs developed by Virginia Tanner and Anne Cannon. Misha attended the University of Utah as a recipient of the Elizabeth R. Hayes scholarship in modern dance, graduating with her BFA in 1991, and returned to Tanner Dance as a member of the faculty. Misha is the Director of the Tanner Dance Fine Arts Preschool in which she celebrates over 27 years of teaching the visual arts and dance to students from all over the valley. She served as Miss Anne Cannon’s assistant from the founding of the Fine Arts Preschool in 1992, Administrative Assistant in 1995, and became director in 1999. She has presented at numerous professional development workshops and conferences for arts education, teaches summer art camps, and mentors both students and teachers in bringing the arts into the classroom. She has spent the last two decades teaching and choreographing for the Children’s Dance Theatre both at local, national, and international venues. Misha is currently the faculty co-advisor for the CDT Dancers’ Council, and the Director of the Tanner Dance Fine Arts Preschool.

Julie Goodro
graduated magna cum laude from the University of Utah with a degree in Home Economics Education. She holds a number of certifications: Child Development Associate (CDA), Level 3 Kindermusik and Musikgarten Instructor, Orff Level 1, Kodaly Level 2, Music Together, Education through Music (ETM), and Beginning Suzuki Training. She has had several years of dance training. In 1993 she joined the Fine Arts Preschool faculty as a Music Specialist. Since 2004, Julie has also served on the board of the international Early Childhood Music & Movement Association.
Mimi Skola Silverstein has an extensive background in performing and teaching historical and contemporary dance forms. Her roots began with CDT and her wings took her traveling across the nation with Repertory Dance Theatre. She has taught for CDT, RDT, and in many settings from public elementary schools to colleges. She has worked extensively with Ann Riordan and the Work Activity Center for the mentally and physically challenged, teaching dance and work skills. She teaches the CDT third grade, as well as in the Fine Arts Preschool and for the Virginia Tanner Creative Dance Program.

Tad Simonson trained at the Virginia Tanner Creative Dance Program and performed with CDT for ten years. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Utah. She has been on the faculty of the Virginia Tanner Creative Dance Program since 1985 teaching dance, working in outreach, with special populations, and as a member of the Fine Arts Preschool staff.
Rebekah Richards began her love for the arts at a young age. She danced at the University of Utah Tanner Dance studio and was a member of the Children’s Dance Theater for over nine years. Miss Bekah’s dance training includes the Virginia Tanner philosophy of nurturing the whole child, and she continues that mindset in all of the classes that she teaches as she carries out the Tanner legacy. She teaches in the Fine Arts Preschool and in the Tanner Dance Parent and Tot program. Miss Bekah graduated from Utah Valley University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts; emphasis in drawing and painting, along with a Minor in Psychology. She has assisted in the Tanner Dance summer art camps, and at The Children’s Center; an agency specializing in child development and emotional well-being. She has always loved being around children, and is thrilled that she is a part of the FAP team. Miss Bekah is a powerhouse of knowledge and we are delighted she has come full circle to share her experiences, knowledge, and passion of the fine arts with the Fine Arts Preschool.

Eliza Jackson Ward grew up being nurtured and loved through the Tanner Dance program. She began dancing at the early age of 18 months in the Parent/Tot Class and continued to dance in the Fine Arts Preschool, Tanner Dance classes and with Children’s Dance Theatre. Eliza also grew up playing the violin and has a deep understanding of the need for arts in a child’s education. After graduating, she assisted in the Children’s Dance Theatre program. Miss Eliza graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education and a Minor in Music. She taught in the Elementary School classroom for two wonderful years, and is excited to continue teaching young children the joys of learning. Miss Eliza enjoys dancing, playing the violin, spending time with her husband and family, and being a part of this wonderful Tanner Dance community. Miss Eliza is very excited to be a part of the Fine Arts Preschool team and continue to help each student find a passion for learning through the arts.
The Program

The arts of dance, music, visual art, drama, literature, and creative writing are natural disciplines that help children grow through experience and find joyful ways to express themselves. The Fine Arts Preschool curriculum has been developed based on this premise. Each day students have hands-on involvement in the arts, a healthy snack, and the opportunity to choose activities designed to integrate learning.

The Fine Arts Preschool has three program options that meet 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Tanner Dance Studio.

Tuesday/Thursday 2-Day Option
Session Dates: Tuesday, September 3, 2019- Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Tuition: $2,012.00

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3-Day Option
Session Dates: Wednesday, September 4, 2019- Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Tuition: $2,790.00

Monday–Friday 5-Day Option
Session Dates: Tuesday, September 3, 2019- Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Tuition: $4,562.00

Children ages 3½ to 6 are welcome to enroll. Birthdays must occur on or before March 1, 2016. All students must be toilet trained. Children are placed in classes by age and maturity. The three classes are limited to sixteen students per class.

Registration and Tuition

Applications for enrollment in the Fine Arts Preschool are accepted beginning January 28, 2019. Confirmations for new students will be processed and mailed starting mid-February. Children are placed on a first-come, first-served basis. To apply, complete the application form and submit it with a photocopy of your child’s state-issued birth certificate and a non-refundable $50.00 application fee. Upon acceptance, you will be sent three additional information forms: Medical History, Student Release, and Parent Volunteer. Registration is complete when the office is in receipt of these forms, as well as your full tuition payment or down payment based on the installment plans available.

Once enrollment reaches capacity, your child will be placed on a waiting list, and you will be contacted when space becomes available.

Enrollment is on a trial basis for the first month of the Fine Arts Preschool Program. Parents are encouraged to use this time to get to know their child’s teacher and monitor the child’s progress and adjustment to the program. The trial period helps to ensure that the student is adapting well and will thrive in the program.
Tuition Payment Plans & Policy

We have several different programs and payment schedules available, as well as payment methods (credit card, automatic debit) to meet your needs. You may choose from the following tuition payment options:

**Full Payment**

Tuition paid in full for the entire school year on or before July 1, 2019 will receive a 5% discount.

**Monthly Installment Plan Options**

We understand the importance of making educational opportunities affordable for families in today’s economy. Our interest-free payment plans break your tuition into smaller, more manageable installments. You may choose from two different plans.

Installment payments are due on the first of each month. You are welcome and encouraged to sign-up for our convenient automatic debit program. Based on the program option and payment plan you select, the installment payment will be automatically charged to the credit or debit card that you authorized during set-up. Automatic debits will help you avoid paying fines for delinquent tuition. After the seventh of each month, if tuition is delinquent, a $10 late fee plus $10 for every 7-day period will be applied to tuition until paid in full.

**Withdrawal Policy**

After a student is admitted and through the probationary period, if a withdrawal becomes necessary, a written notice by a parent/guardian is required and a prorated refund based on the full-year tuition of 2-Day: $2,012.00, 3-Day: $2,790.00 and 5-Day: $4,562.00 will be issued less a $35 processing fee. After the probationary period, if a withdrawal becomes necessary, a 30-day written notice by a parent/guardian is required and a prorated refund based on the full-year tuition will be issued after the 30-day period less a $35 processing fee. The Studio Finance Director will assist in settling your account. Students are welcome (and encouraged) to continue attending preschool during this 30-day period.

**Re-Enrollment Policy**

Families who wish to re-enroll their child for the 2020-2021 school year will be given priority placement beginning in January 2020.
# Tuition Payment Plans & Policy (cont.)

## Tuesday/Thursday 2-Day Option
Session Dates: Tuesday, September 3, 2019- Tuesday, April 28, 2020  
Tuition: $2,012.00

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Tuition: $2,790.00

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Tuition: $4,562.00

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Arrival and Departure

Children need to arrive between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Parents arriving early must remain with their child until 8:45 a.m. Teachers will be outside until 9:00 a.m. to greet children and walk them into the building. Children arriving after 9:00 a.m. should be escorted into the Preschool by an adult. For the safety of our students, our main doors will be locked at 9:10 a.m., and unlocked before pick-up. Instruction begins at 9:00 a.m. Preschool concludes at noon. Pick-up time is between 12:00 p.m. and 12:15 p.m. Parents will be charged a $5 late fee for each 15 minute increment past 12:15 p.m. Please note that parking on campus is enforced Monday–Friday, 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. A University issued permit is required on campus to park in designated areas. Metered parking or paid parking is also available on campus.

Teachers will allow children to be picked up only by those persons authorized on the application and transportation forms. For the safety of your child, please send a written note to the Preschool staff if alternate transportation arrangements are made. Authorized persons must sign out your child at the end of each day.

In the event that you will be late picking up your child, please call 801.581.7374 to notify the staff. Late fees will still apply.

Clothing

At the beginning of the year, please send clearly labeled slippers and an oversized, button down art shirt to the Preschool. These will be kept at the studio throughout the year and returned in May. Children will remove outside shoes upon arrival and be bare foot or wear slippers depending on the classes throughout the day. For art class, an oversized button down shirt is best to also assist in fine motor coordination and button skills. The Preschool is conscientious about protecting your child’s clothing to the best of our abilities. FAP is not liable for damaged clothing.
On the days your child is scheduled to dance, please send them to Preschool in suitable dance clothes. Girls may wear a leotard and footless tights, footless unitard or leggings. Boys may wear sweatpants, athletic or biker shorts, or a unitard. Dance clothing should be washed each week. Each day please send clearly marked: A backpack or tote bag for artwork, notes, etc., and clothing appropriate for outside weather, including boots in winter.

Although children will not routinely have an outside playtime, classes may take walks, so appropriate dress is important.

**Snacks**

The school will provide a healthy snack each day. If your child has special dietary requirements or allergies, please alert the staff of the Fine Arts Preschool. Do not allow children to bring candy, gum, or other treats to Preschool.

**Toys, Show & Tell**

Sharing Time (show & tell) will be held throughout the month. Your child’s teacher will notify you of those dates in advance. During Sharing Time, children have the opportunity to bring and share one item of their choice from home. Toys from home will be limited to coming to school only on show and tell days. The Fine Arts Preschool is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

**Supplies**

Supplies are included in the cost of tuition, except for special programs and events. For example, students may be asked to contribute food for a social, have an opportunity to bring costumes from home for the Royal Ball, or the Preschool may collect butter tubs or #10 cans for an art project. A note will be sent home if the Preschool is asking for supplemental supplies.

**Birthday Celebrations**

All Preschoolers will have a birthday celebration at some time during the
school year. If your child’s birthday falls on a Preschool day, the birthday celebration will be on that day. When a birthday falls on a day when the Preschool is not held, we will select the closest Preschool date to their birthday. If your child has a birthday in the summer months, an un-birthday will be scheduled during the school year. All birthday celebrations are held at 8:55 a.m. and parents are welcome to attend. Each child will receive a gift from the Preschool. If your child wishes to give a gift to the Preschool, we suggest a book, CD, quiet game, puppet, puzzle, or any other item from your imagination that could be used at Preschool. Please, no food treats or individual goodie bags. Any outside private birthday party invites are to be mailed directly to homes. The faculty prefers that invites not be handed out at school.

**Books for Sale**

Periodically, we will send home book order forms. Books can be ordered from these companies for you to share with your children. This is offered as an optional courtesy to our students and their families.

**Pictures**

Miyo Strong Photography will take individual and class photos in October 2019 and February 2020. All children are requested to be present for the class photos at 9:00 a.m. on the day their program option is having photos taken. Purchase of these photos is optional.

During parent participation days, parents are allowed to bring cameras and video cameras to Preschool. FAP would appreciate donations of duplicate photos for our archives.

**Your Child’s Health**

Contagious diseases, colds, and the flu are problems for preschool children. Please keep your child home if he or she has had a fever within the last 24 hours, during the first few days of a common cold, or if your child has a chronic cough. If a child becomes ill at school, parents will be called immediately to pick up the child.
Weather Information
The Fine Arts Preschool follows University of Utah inclement weather closures. In the event of a severe storm, campus closure information is broadcast by radio on KUER FM 90.1 and television on KUED Channel 7. Notification may be broadcast on other channels as well. Be assured that your child will be cared for in the event of any emergency. Detailed information on the University of Utah’s emergency procedures can be obtained upon request in the office. We highly encourage parents to download the “U Heads Up!” app http://www.campusalert.utah.edu/headsup. This app allows the University of Utah’s community to receive important emergency information including university closures.

Throughout the Year
Several times each semester parents are invited to attend the Fine Arts Preschool. These days are designed to involve the parent and child in a hands-on learning celebration. FAP asks that older and younger siblings have outside care to honor this special day with just their enrolled preschooler. Details of dates and times will be sent out according to your program.

Students are regularly introduced to “real people” in the arts; visits by artists complement an introduction to classical artists throughout history.

Field trips to the theatre, a museum, or to a musical performance are designed to be age and interest appropriate. Prior to each trip, students will learn about the trip, building the added dimension of art appreciation into the learning process. After the experience, students will have the opportunity to review, reflect, and synthesize.

Parents as Partners
Parent-teacher conferences are held in the fall and spring. During these meetings, teachers and parents will discuss the child’s progress, development and growth, review learning objectives and lesson plans, and collaborate on strategies to maximize learning.

Periodically parents will be asked to share their skills and abilities with the Fine Arts Preschool. Outside of class, parents are encouraged to nurture an appreciation and celebration of the importance of art in our community and in our lives.

Guest Policy
The Fine Arts Preschool faculty wishes to ensure a positive, focused learning environment for your preschooler and his or her fellow classmates. The faculty cannot at any time accept responsibility for unregistered children. Therefore, parents and preschool children are asked not to bring guests, siblings, or others to Preschool, on field trips, or to parent participa unless otherwise noted.

Communication
If your child will be absent from school, please contact the office at 801.581.7374 or 801.587.3628 or misha.moffat@utah.edu. The office will then notify your child’s teacher. In order to keep parents well informed, we will send monthly calendars and notes home with your child, answer questions by phone, e-mail, or speak personally with parents as they drop off children. Please check backpacks each day for correspondence. A student directory will be provided in August and updated throughout the year. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled throughout the school year.

To reach a member of the faculty, please call the office at 801.587.3628 and leave a message. Your call will be returned promptly, usually after Preschool hours. Faculty may also be reached via e-mail at misha.moffat@utah.edu.
Important Fine Arts Preschool Dates for 2019-2020

PARENT ORIENTATION
Saturday, August 24, 2019

STUDENT ORIENTATION
3-Day, 5-Day Program, Monday, August 26, 2019
2-Day Program, Tuesday, August 27, 2019

FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL
2-Day and 5-Day Program starts Tuesday, September 3, 2019
3-Day Program starts Wednesday, September 4, 2019

PICTURE DAY
October, February — Date TBD

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
Fall – Week of October 7, 2019
Spring – Week of February 24, 2020

PARENT PARTICIPATION DAYS
TBD

PRESCHOOL BREAKS
Fall Break – October 17-20, 2019
Thanksgiving – November 27 – December 1, 2019
Winter Holiday – December 7, 2019 – January 5, 2020
Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, January 20, 2020
Presidents’ Day – Monday, February 17, 2020
Spring Break – April 9-12, 2020

LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL
2-Day Program – Tuesday, April 28, 2020
3-Day, 5-Day Program – Wednesday, April 29, 2020