“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.

Misha Moffat, Director
Tanner Dance Program Fine Arts Preschool
Children must be challenged to use their imaginations — so not to just 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 29 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.

Kimberly Marsden earned a Bachelor of Music from the University of Utah and a Master of Music from Wichita State University, both emphasizing piano performance. In her teenage years and as a college student, Kimberly performed as a pianist with chamber groups, orchestras, and as a soloist. She also enjoys composing music and has two published choir arrangements. Kimberly has studied the art of teaching music to young children and has received training in Suzuki, Music Together, Orff, and Harmony Road. She often composes songs for children, teaches children the basics of composition, and has directed a children’s choir. For five years as a teacher at a K-12 charter school, she taught Music & Movement to elementary-age children, which includes experiences with keyboard, ukulele, singing, and drumming. Presently, besides teaching at the Fine Arts Preschool, Kimberly also teaches music courses for Gifted Music School in Salt Lake City. She and her husband, David, live in Bountiful, Utah. They have two grown daughters.
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.

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.
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 7, 2021-Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Tuition: $2,075.00

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3-Day Option
Session Dates: Wednesday, September 8, 2021-Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Tuition: $2,875.00

Monday–Friday 5-Day Option
Session Dates: Tuesday, September 7, 2021-Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Tuition: $4,700.00

Children ages 3½ to 6 are welcome to enroll. Birthdays must occur on or before March 1, 2018. 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 25, 2021. 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, 2021 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: $2,075.00, 3-Day: $2,875.00 and 5-Day: $4,700.00 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 2022-2023 school year will be given priority placement beginning in January 2022.
### Tuition Payment Plans & Policy (cont.)

#### Tuesday/Thursday 2-Day Option
Session Dates: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - Tuesday, May 3, 2022
Tuition: $2,075.00

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Tuition: $2,875.00

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#### Monday/Friday 5-Day Options
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Tuition: $4,700.00

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Learning through a Global Pandemic

The Fine Arts Preschool continues to seek new and innovative ways to engage, entice, and experience the world around us through the fine arts …even during a global pandemic. Due to COVID-19 the Fine Arts Preschool has implemented safety measures such as temperature checks upon arrival, hand sanitizing, the wearing of masks during preschool, additional sanitizing measures of supplies and to our Tanner Dance Studio facility, ensuring social distancing, and limiting exposure of parents and additional guests entering the Tanner Dance Building before, during and after classes. Health safety protocols will continue to adapt, shift, and be implemented as our community responds to the climate of the virus. These necessary characteristics are needed to ensure a wonderful successful preschool experience for you and your child. Our teachers are dedicated to create an environment for your child to nurture their social, emotional, and developmental well-being. We will continue to update our website accordingly as to any health safety measures changes as needed to keep our community informed of what our Fine Arts Preschool Program is doing to continue in-person learning. We appreciate your understanding and awareness in these matters.
Arrival and Departure
Children will arrive at Preschool during assigned staggered drop off times beginning at 8:45 a.m. to assist with our continued attention to COVID-19 safety protocols. Parents arriving early must remain with their child outside the building until doors are unlocked. Parents will walk their student to the main west doors for temperature checks, hand sanitizing, masks, and then depart. Students will enter the building independently and be assisted by Tanner Dance staff to escort them to their classrooms. For the safety of our students, our doors will be locked at 9:00 a.m. Instruction begins at 9:00 a.m. Preschool concludes at noon. Parents will walk up to the designated door to retrieve their child at their assigned pick-up time. 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. Hourly paid parking stalls are 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
Face masks will be worn each day. As our pandemic climate changes, updates will be provided to families to indicate otherwise. 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 barefoot 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.

To assist with unexpected wet accidents, include a Ziploc bag each day in your student’s backpack with an extra set of clothes to change into if needed. Please label the baggie with your student’s name.

**Snacks**

Parents will provide a simple, healthy snack each day for their child. Please clearly label your student’s name on the outside of water bottles and snack bags. 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, sweets, gum, juice boxes, sodas, or other treats to Preschool.

**Toys, Show & Tell**

Show and Tell will be held throughout the month. Your child’s teacher will notify you of those dates in advance. During show and tell, children will have the opportunity to bring 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. Detailed information will be sent out to parents prior to their child’s birthday celebration. Parents will be excused at 9:00 a.m. 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 2021 and February 2022. 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**

Preschool students should only attend school if healthy. Any signs of COVID-19, coughs, colds, flu, fever, vomiting, eye discharge or pink eye, nasal discharge, loss of sense of taste or smell, body aches, etc are indicators that students should remain at home. Parents will be called to pick up students who exhibit any of these symptoms while at school. A student should be free of any symptoms for a minimum of 24 hours after being ill before returning to school. Exposed COVID-19 cases will require the necessary quarantine, testing, and recovery time as outlined by the University of Utah and CDC. Details will be provided as needed. Please be mindful if you are carpooling. Parents, we encourage you to take your child’s temperature prior to placing him or her in a car to avoid exposing other classmates in the carpool to illness. Carpools will be asked to return all the students home should anyone in the carpool have a temperature above 100.4 degrees. If your child has potentially been exposed to COVID-19, even if they are not displaying any symptoms, please notify the office immediately at tannerdance.utah.edu. Our office staff will provide instructions about when your child is able to return to class. Our goal is to stay healthy. We must be vigilant. Thank you for your assistance and understanding in this important matter.

**Weather and Emergency 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. Parents will assemble an emergency “Grab and Go Kit” at home and bring to school the first week of classes. Details of the contents of this kit will be provided prior to school beginning. Kits will be returned the last day of school.

**Throughout the Year**

Several times each semester parents are invited to join their child’s class via Zoom. These days are designed to share with on-line guests the themes and events that the preschoolers have been participating in. Details of dates and times will be sent out according. As the status of the virus changes, parents will be informed as to when they may attend events in-person with their preschooler. FAP would ask that older and younger siblings have outside care to honor this special day with just their enrolled preschooler, and to limit the amount of guests attending the event.

**Volunteering**

FAP dearly appreciates parents offering to share their skills and abilities with the preschool program. Optional volunteer opportunities to be involved both inside and outside the classroom will be presented as the
pandemic allows. Communication will be shared with families as to when these opportunities will be available.

**Parent Teacher Conferences**
Parent-teacher conferences are held in the fall and spring via Zoom. 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.

**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 participation days, 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, Zoom, or speak personally with parents as they drop off/pick up 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 2021-2022

PARENT ORIENTATION
Wednesday, August 25, 2021

STUDENT ORIENTATION
3-Day, 5-Day Program, Monday, August 30, 2021
2-Day Program, Tuesday, August 31, 2021

FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL
2-Day and 5-Day Program starts Tuesday, September 7, 2021
3-Day Program starts Wednesday, September 8, 2021

PICTURE DAY
October, February — Date TBD

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
Fall – Week of October 4, 2021
Spring – Week of March 7, 2022

PARENT PARTICIPATION DAYS
TBD

PRESCHOOL BREAKS
Fall Break – October 21-24, 2021
Thanksgiving – November 24-28, 2021
Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, January 17, 2022
Presidents’ Day – Monday, February 21, 2022
Spring Break – April 14-17, 2022

LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL
2-Day Program – Tuesday, May 3, 2022
3-Day, 5-Day Program – Wednesday, May 4, 2022

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