

## Shayla Bott



Shayla Bott has taught for over 14 years in private studios, the Ballet Department at the University of Utah, and currently in the Ballet Program at Utah Valley University. She holds a BFA in Ballet from the University of Utah with an emphasis in performance. Also from the University of Utah, she received an MFA in Ballet with an emphasis in Music for Ballet, Choreography, and Ballet Pedagogy. She has done much research with the relationship between music and ballet and studied accompaniment for ballet technique under Rob Wood. This research continues to inform her teaching and choreography, where she passes a deep respect for musicality and its place in ballet training on to her students. After retiring from a professional career with Utah Regional Ballet, where she performed both classical and contemporary choreography with a variety of notable choreographers, she has continued to choreograph and teach in professional and academic venues.