



Bethany Hansen began her training under the direction of Jean Sorenson and has been dancing her entire life. After winning Sterling Scholar in high school and being awarded scholarships Bethany chose to attend Brigham Young University. There she was a member of Dance Ensemble and served as President of the Company her senior year. She graduated from BYU with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, emphasizing Modern Dance. Upon graduation Bethany began teaching at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho.

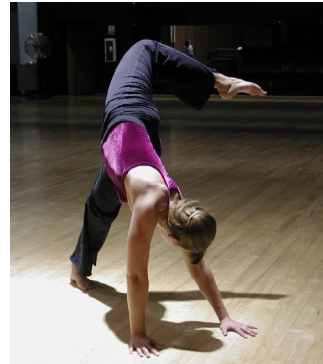
As Ricks College changed its name and underwent a transition from a two year college to a four year university, Bethany continued to teach Modern, Ballet and Jazz Dance at BYU-Idaho for thirteen semesters. While on the faculty she was able to work with both Contemporary Dance Theater, and CDT-Outreach.

Many of Bethany's students have continued on to teach in many educational settings, perform professionally and direct their own professional dance companies.

Bethany has had the opportunity to study under and take workshops from many professionals including: Bill T. Evans, David Dorfman, Steve Koester, Cleo Parker Robinson, Jackie Bell, Kay Anderson, Abby Fiat, Raymond Robison, and Pat Debenham.

Bethany has taught at studios in Utah and California, and is currently on the faculty at Utah Dance Artists.

One of Bethany's passions is to choreograph and she has been commissioned to set many different pieces of choreography which have been performed in many locations across North America. Throughout the years her choreography has won numerous awards at competitions throughout California and here in Utah, most recently: 2nd place in the Westminster Division at the Shakespeare Festival and straight superiors at the State competition for her choreography in "Who Will Carry the Word".



Bethany currently lives in West Jordan with her husband, Ben and her two children, Emma and Bridger. She is excited to be the Director of Dance at the Salt Lake School for the Performing Arts.