

## **U of U BTS Arts PD Calendar 2025-2026**

### **Fall Regional Professional Development**

**When:** Friday, September 19, from 9:00 am -3:00 pm

**Location:** University of Utah, Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts and Education Complex

**Topic:** “The Art of Place: K-6 Arts Integration with Great Salt Lake”

**Overview:** This PD will explore cross-disciplinary partnerships centered on Utah’s Great Salt Lake through performance, visual art, audio, and science-based education. Experts from USBE's Professional Outreach Programs in the Schools (POPS) organizations, Plan-B Theatre, UMFA, and Spy Hop will offer insights and creative resources for K–6 classrooms, including access to lesson plans, performances, and field trip opportunities.

### **U of U BTS & UtahPresents Specialty Workshop:**

**When:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026, from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Location:** Wasatch Elementary School in Salt Lake City

**Topic:** Ailey II -The Next Generation of Dance

**Overview:** Members of the Ailey II company will lead a workshop for fifth grade students at Wasatch Elementary School. BTS Arts and classroom teachers will participate. **Please register for this workshop as space is limited, registration link will be sent electronically.**

### **Winter Regional Professional Development**

**When:** Friday, January 23, 2026, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Location:** University of Utah, Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts & Education Complex

**Topic:** Arts Integration Research and Resources

**Overview:** University Professional Development Partners and BTS Arts Teachers will present focus study and research updates regarding teaching, planning, and student learning impacts. Colleagues from the University of Utah’s School Mental Health Collaborative will share resources and how BTS schools can partner with their team.

### **Spring Regional Professional Development**

**When:** Friday, May 8, 2026, from 3:00 pm -5:00 pm

**Location:** University of Utah, Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts and Education Complex

**Topic:** Professional Development Implementation Sharing & Planning

### **Art form Specific Professional Development Experiences**

Professional Development Partners will lead workshops throughout the year.

**When & Location:** Times and Dates TBD based on the availability of BTS Arts teachers.

**Topic:** BTS Arts Teachers and Professional Development Partners will collaborate to select the focus of artform specific learning experiences.

## **U of U BTS Arts Professional Development Team:**

Kelby McIntyre-Martinez: BTS Arts Endowed Director of PD and Research  
[Kelby.mcintyre@utah.edu](mailto:Kelby.mcintyre@utah.edu)

Alexis Olsen: BTS Arts Coordinator and Visual Art PDP  
[alexis.g.olsen@utah.edu](mailto:alexis.g.olsen@utah.edu)

Kerri Hopkins: BTS Arts Visual Art and Film & Media Arts PDP  
[Kerri.hopkins@utah.edu](mailto:Kerri.hopkins@utah.edu)

Ashley Boyack: BTS Arts Dance PDP  
[ashleyb.boyack@utah.edu](mailto:ashleyb.boyack@utah.edu)

Sherise Longhurst: BTS Arts Music PDP  
[sherise.longhurst@gmail.com](mailto:sherise.longhurst@gmail.com)

Laura Taylor: BTS Arts Drama PDP  
[laura.taylor@utah.edu](mailto:laura.taylor@utah.edu)

Ashley Silcox: BTS Arts Literacy and Research PDP  
[u1241547@utah.edu](mailto:u1241547@utah.edu)

