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Attention: Suzanne Knosp, Graduate Advisor
Subject: MFA Dance Program

Dear Suzanne,

On behalf of Arizona State University's Department of Dance, I submit this letter of support for your proposed Master of Fine Arts in Dance degree. We are pleased that the University of Arizona's School of Dance is planning to increase the number of options for students interested in pursuing advanced work in dance, specifically choreography and performance. The program design is excellent and offers a rigorous curriculum for educating future and returning dance professionals.

Our projected graduate enrollment for 2007-2008 will be approximately 30 students. We anticipate that this number will grow even as we set more rigorous criteria for our admission process. We also expect that the organization, Dance Connect Initiative, will continue to develop by providing more opportunities for graduate students to share ideas and projects. Collaboration with your institution is highly valued and I encourage us to explore additional ways in which we may work together with your faculty and students.

The proposed MFA degree will positively impact our program since it may stimulate other possibilities for inter-institutional partnerships. Additionally your efforts will significantly enrich the dance community in Arizona and contribute to strengthening the field worldwide. We wish you good luck implementing this essential degree program.

Warmly,

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