



Name: Christina and Zoey Taylor

Age: Zoey is age 3

Time involved with the Garage: 18 months

Activities: Toddler Dance participants

“Abby is a phenomenal dance tutor - she really understands what children are thinking”

Zoey started at the Garage 18 months ago, coming originally with her grandmother Gloria and then latterly with her mother Christina. Zoey is a very active child and they wanted to give her a structured and creative way to expend her energy!

They really love the toddler dance classes because they are so creative and imaginative. There is always a theme and often Abby the tutor will let them know in advance so they can come in costume – she creates a *“world that they can inhabit”* and Christina feels that Abby instinctively understands what triggers a toddler’s imagination. Toddler Dance has given Christina lots of ideas about activities she can try at home with Zoey.

Classes are always structured around the needs of the children. Christina says that she has never seen a child get bored or misbehave and *“all the children absolutely love Abby. She thinks really hard about every session and I’ve recommended the class to so many people”*.

Zoey says that *“I like Abby because she dances – it makes me happy”*. Whenever they drive past the Garage she asks if she can go and dance with Abby. They all enjoy coming to the Garage because it feels like a *“proper professional arts environment...and you can do everything under one roof”*. Christina is returning to work soon and is planning to negotiate her hours so she can keep bringing Zoey to classes, and plans to also bring her younger child because she enjoys it so much.

