



Frequent Flyers Youth Student Company

Intro: What is StudCo and who is it for?

Frequent Flyers Student Company is for enthusiastic students willing to grow as aerialists, dancers, artists, performers, and team members. Frequent Flyers Student Company will present its 13th season in Fall

2017, with professional-quality performances at the Dairy Center for the Arts in Boulder.

Students should have a strong desire to learn more about the art of aerial dance and the ability to be very focused and have a positive presence in classes/ rehearsals. In each age group, we are looking for a dedicated group of artists that work well together!

MISSION: The Frequent Flyers® Student Company is a supportive community fostering creative aerial dance performance opportunities while empowering the individual to embody confidence in their artistic and technical abilities. Embedded in a safe, supportive, non-competitive environment, students can soar in their artistic expression, connecting the ground and the air.

A. Important Dates

1. Admittance Dates

- Application Due Date: **Wednesday, August 16 by 5pm**. All materials must be received by that time (including a work-study application if you are applying for that payment option).
- Notification of acceptance decision will be emailed to you by **Friday, August 18**.
- Please respond, submit the signed contract, enroll in Fall Session 1, and arrange payment by **Friday, August 25** to confirm your admittance to Student Company and to secure your position.

2. Parent / guardian meetings and social

- On the first day of classes, **Wednesday, August 30th** we will have parent / guardian meetings and a social!
 - 5:30-6 Mandatory meeting for StudCo Elementary School and High Flyers parent / guardians
 - 6-7:30 open social. Please come meet / catch up with your fellow parent / guardians of StudCo students!
 - 7:30-8 Mandatory meeting for StudCo Middle School and High School parent / guardians

3. Session Dates

- Fall Session 1: August 28 - October 7. Registration open now!
 - Fall Session 2: October 9 - December 20
 - Student Company Class rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday evenings***
 - 5:30 – 7 for Elementary School and High Flyers
 - 7:30-9 for Middle School and High School
- * No class Nov 22 for Thanksgiving. Last class Dec 13.

4. Performance Dates / Show week Rehearsals – all at the Dairy Arts Center

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- Mon, Dec 4th
5-9pm Spacing Rehearsal (Hair and costumes)
- Wed, Dec 6th
5-9pm Tech (Hair and costumes)
- Fri, Dec 8th
5-9pm Dress (Hair, costumes and makeup)

Performances – all at the Dairy Arts Center

- Sat, Dec 9th
12pm call, 2pm show
5pm call, 7pm show

5. Other Important Dates

- Enroll in and pay for Fall Session 1 by **Friday, August 25**
- Report rehearsal conflicts in an email to Student Company Director Megan Cattau (megan@frequentflyers.org) by **Wednesday, August 30**.
- Enroll in and pay for Fall Session 2 by **Friday, October 6**
- Students fulfilling their dance technique credit by taking an outside dance class and / or by enrolling in a cross-disciplinary movement class should supply a note from the student's dance instructor to the Student Company Director by **Friday, October 6**

B. Participation Requirements

1. Each company member is required to have completed two FFP aerial sessions (or by director approval) prior to joining Student Company.

2. Each company member is required to attend:

- Student Company class on Wednesdays
- One additional aerial technique class each session
 - The instructors can recommend an aerial technique class specific to the student's growth if the student is unsure what class to take.
- One session-long dance class within the genre of either ballet, modern, jazz or hip hop during the Student Company Fall season

- o Frequent Flyers offers youth and teen dance classes, appropriate for Student Company members, on Wednesday afternoons at 4:15-5:15 pm.
- o Students who wish to receive their dance technique credit by taking an outside dance class and / or by enrolling in a cross-disciplinary movement class not within the genre of either ballet, modern, jazz or hip hop must have that class approved by the Student Company Director in advance. Please submit the following information in email: the name of the dance class, instructor, and the studio the class will be taken. A note from the student's dance instructor must be supplied to the Student Company Director by Friday Oct 6.
- o The instructors can recommend a dance technique class specific to the student's growth if the student is unsure what class to take.

Absentee Policy

- Mandatory Rehearsals include Full Cast Rehearsals/Tech/Dress/Performances at the FFP Studio and/or at The Dairy Center for the Arts (dates listed above). If student has a conflict with a mandatory rehearsal, the guardian / student must report that conflict in his / her application and contract (if known at that time) and must email the Student Company Director Megan Cattau (megan@frequentflyers.org) by Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Excused absences will be considered under special circumstances, and only if requested by August 30.
- Non-Mandatory Rehearsals include all Wednesday Student Company classes at FFP. Each Student Company Member is allowed to be absent for ONE non-mandatory rehearsal for the fall season. If a student misses more than one rehearsal, it is up to the Student Company Director's discretion whether or not to exclude the student from (1) aerial work in a piece, (2) all choreography in a particular piece or (3) the entire show. Students missing a non-mandatory rehearsal on short notice should contact the office manager Niki Rutishauser (office@frequentflyers.org) and your student's instructor as soon as possible before the missed class.

Behavior

- One of the main FFP priorities for StudCo is to create an inclusive atmosphere where everyone feels safe and encouraged to play and to develop their aerial technique and expression. Please be mindful of this goal in all of your interactions at FFP, including within your / your child's StudCo classes. As StudCo members, you / your child have the opportunity to be role models on this front! Help us create a positive environment.
- In addition to absences, the Student Company Director may dismiss a student at any time from the piece/performance/Student Company if problems with the policies stated in the Student Company contract or Frequent Flyers Aerial Dance Handbook persist or the presence of an issue is detected that is considered inappropriate for the well being of the Student Company.

Financial Commitment

- Student Company Class Tuition: \$392 for the entire semester for the Student Company class (\$168 / 6 week Fall Session 1 + \$224/ 8 week Fall Session 2)
- Aerial Technique Class Tuition*: tuition for one aerial class in Fall Session 1 Session and one aerial class in Fall Session 2
- Dance Technique Class Tuition* (unless taking this class at an outside studio; see above).
 - * Student Company members are eligible for a 20% discount on all aerial technique and dance classes while participating in Student Company. Discount does not apply to tuition for your Wednesday Student Company class
- Production Fee: \$150

Please note that this fee includes a costume purchase for each student that they will then keep. This mandatory fee includes, but is not limited to, costuming, props, theater rental for rehearsals and performances, lighting design, teacher pay, program printing, technical production needs, marketing, photography, videography, rigging transportation and other necessities to make the Spring Student Company show successful. If the fee is not paid in full by the due date, the student will not be allowed to participate in the Student Company Production.

C. Payment Options

To streamline the registration process, you have the following options for Fall Student Company payment:

1. Pay the Production Fee and pay in full for Fall Session 1 (including the Student Company Class Tuition, Dance Technique Class Tuition (if taking at FFP), and Aerial Technique Class Tuition) by Friday, August 25. Pay in full for Fall Session 2 by Friday Oct 6. If you do not contact the registrar before Fall Session 2 your card on file will be automatically charged on the first day of the session.
2. Pay in full for Fall Session 1 (including the Student Company Class Tuition, Dance Technique Class Tuition (if taking at FFP), and Aerial Technique Class Tuition) by Friday, August 25. Pay the Production Fee and pay in full for Fall Session 2 by Friday Oct 6. If you do not contact the registrar before Fall Session 2 your card on file will be automatically charged on the first day of the session.
3. If you need to arrange a monthly payment plan for all costs, Contact Niki Rutishauser (office@frequentflyers.org) to arrange for this option.
4. Work Study Option - As a non-profit organization, Frequent Flyers does not wish cost to be a prohibiting factor for students interested in participating in Student Company. Students who are 13-years-of-age or older may apply for Work Study for the sessions they are involved in Student Company. Students may request a Work-Study application from Alysha Perrin

(alysha@frequentflyers.org) and must submit the completed application along with the Student Company Application by *Wednesday, August 16th, 2017 at 5pm.*

D. Communication

Your instructors, the Student Company Director, and the Education Director want you / your child to feel comfortable voicing your joys, concerns, and confusions to us! Your instructors are available during class time to help the students sort through any choreography- and show-related issues. The Student Company Director, Megan Cattau, will be available to chat with you / your child about any and all concerns before and / or after the Student Company Classes (exact times to be selected before the start of each session). She will communicate with Studco members and parents/guardians primarily through email to relay any important information about assignments, supplies, costumes, performance details, scheduling, etc. In most instances, she will include the student and the parent(s)/guardian(s) on these emails. When possible, please give the student an opportunity to respond and further develop their sense of personal responsibility. Depending on the age of the child, it may be more appropriate for the parent/guardian to respond. It is important that you and/or your child check your email regularly and respond within a few days, and it is ultimately the parent(s)/guardian(s)'s responsibility to make sure you have received the information. Megan will also be available to answer emails; if possible, please try to limit emails to questions / comments / concerns related to logistics that require a short response, and speak with Megan in person if your question / comment / concern merits a longer conversation.

E. Contact Information

Youth StudCo Staff and Instructors

- StudCo High School Instructor/ High Flyers Coordinator: Alysha Perrin (alyshaperrin@gmail.com)
- StudCo Elementary School and High School Instructor: Laura Burgamy (laurab@frequentflyers.org)
- StudCo Elementary School and Middle School Instructor: Nicole Predki (iana-kila@msn.com)
- StudCo Middle School Instructor Sarah Harrison (sar3ah@gmail.com)
- StudCo Director: Megan Cattau (megan@frequentflyers.org)
- Education Director: April Skelton (april@frequentflyers.org)
- Office Manager/Registrar: Niki Rutishauser (office@frequentflyers.org)

F. FAQ

1. What do my fees pay for?

The Student Company fees include, but are not limited to theater rental for rehearsals and performances, lighting design, music editing, teacher pay, program printing, technical production

needs, marketing, photography, videography, rigging transportation, administration, full-cast rehearsal support, and other necessities to make the Fall Student Company show successful.

2. Who is my main point of contact for absences?

For short notice or same day absences for non-mandatory rehearsals, please contact the office manager Niki Rutishauser (office@frequentflyers.org) and your / your child's instructor as soon as possible before the missed class. For mandatory rehearsal conflicts, please contact Megan Cattau (megan@frequentflyers.org) by Wednesday, August 30.

3. Who is my main point of contact for class and registration questions?

The Office Manager Niki Rutishauser: office@frequentflyers.org OR 303-245-8272 handles all of the class registration and any questions pertaining to MindBody Online and our classes.