



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 Spring

2018, 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.

NOTE: We will be doing a narrative show this season based on *Alice in Wonderland*.

A. Important Dates

1. Admittance Dates

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- Returning Students:
 - Returning students do not need to fill out an application this year (although please let us know if anything needs to be updated and please feel free to answer any of the long-answer questions about goals, etc.). Rather, register for classes and submit a signed contract to the office manager, Niki Rutishauser (in hard copy to the FFP office or electronically to office@frequentflyers.org) to guarantee your spot in StudCo.
 - Signed contracts to guarantee your spot are due **Monday, December 10** to the office manager, Niki Rutishauser (in hard copy to the FFP office or electronically to office@frequentflyers.org)
 - Student Company members get the exclusive privilege of being allowed to register before the public. If you'd like to take advantage of this, you must submit your contract by **Thursday, December 7. Registration for StudCo opens Friday, December 8.** (Note: you must submit your signed contract before registering).

- Submit a work-study application with your contract if you are applying for that payment option.
- New Students:
 - Application Due Date: **Monday, December 10 by 5pm**. All materials must be received by that time (including a work-study application if you are applying for that payment option). Please bring a hardcopy to the FFP office or send an electronic copy to Student Company Director, Megan Cattau at megan@frequentflyers.org.
 - Notification of acceptance decision will be emailed to you by **Tuesday, December 19**.
 - Please register for classes and submit a signed contract to the office manager, Niki Rutishauser (in hard copy to the FFP office or electronically to office@frequentflyers.org) to guarantee your spot in StudCo.

2. Parent / guardian meetings and social

- On the first week of classes, **Wednesday, January 10th** we will have a parent / guardian meeting and a social!
 - 6:15-6:45 Mandatory meeting for StudCo parent / guardians
 - 6:45-7:30 open social. Please come meet / catch up with your fellow StudCo families!

3. Session Dates

- Spring Session 1: January 8 - March 11.
 - Spring Session 2: March 12 - May 26
 - Student Company Class rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday evenings***
 - 4:15-5:45pm for Elementary School and Middle School
 - 7:30-9pm for High School and High Flyers (by audition only)
- * No class March 28, May 9, or May 23. Last class May 16.

Additionally, we will have two full-cast rehearsals Wed, April 25 and May 2 4:30-9pm (with a dinner break). These full-cast rehearsals are mandatory.

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

- Youth Studco show rehearsals and the Spring show will occur the week of **Monday, May 7 - Saturday, May 12**.
- Tuesday, May 8: 6-9pm Spacing Rehearsal
- Wednesday, May 9: 5-9pm Tech Rehearsal (Costumes & Hair)
- Thursday, May 10: 5-9pm Dress Rehearsal (Costumes, Hair, & Make-up)
- Friday, May 11: 5pm Call, 7pm Performance
- Saturday, May 12: 12pm Call, 2pm Performance; 5pm Call, 7pm Performance

5. Other Important Dates

- Enroll in and pay for Spring Session 1 by **Friday, January 5**

- Report rehearsal conflicts in an email to Student Company Director Megan Cattau (megan@frequentflyers.org) by **Wednesday, January 10**.
- Spring Session 2 registration opens the **last week of February**
- Enroll in and pay for Spring Session 2 by **Friday, March 9**
- 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, March 9**.

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 Spring season
 - Frequent Flyers offers youth and teen dance classes, appropriate for Student Company members, on Wednesday afternoons from 6:15-7:15 pm.
 - 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, March 9.
 - 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, Wednesday, January 10, 2018**. Excused absences will be considered under special circumstances, and only if requested by January 10.
- 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 Spring 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.

Mentoring

A few times throughout the semester, our older students will host mentoring activities between classes on **Wednesday nights from 5:45-6:15pm**. This time helps the students get to know one another, build community, and have fun together outside of class! We will host mentoring activities on the following dates: **January 17th, February 14th, March 14th, & April 11th**. Each student will be assigned to mentor / mentee pairs. Please make sure to check in with your partner for at least a brief "hi" every week and to see how they are doing! We'll have a place for you to leave notes for each other as well.

Financial Commitment

- Student Company Class Tuition: \$476 for the entire semester for the Student Company class (\$252 Spring Session 1 + \$224 Spring Session 2)
- Aerial Technique Class Tuition*: tuition for one aerial class in Spring Session 1 Session and one aerial class in Spring Session 2 (Cost will depend upon classes chosen- minimum cost for semester will be \$360- price includes discount)
- Dance Technique Class Tuition* (\$108- 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

This mandatory fee includes, but is not limited to, costuming (that will remain with FFP), 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. Please note that students will be responsible for obtaining a base layer (not included in this fee). Parent(s) / guardian(s) will be informed about what needs to be purchased for the base layer as soon as possible after the start of the session.

C. Payment Options

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

1. Pay the Production Fee and pay in full for Spring Session 1 (including the Student Company Class Tuition, Dance Technique Class Tuition (if taking at FFP), and Aerial Technique Class Tuition) by **Friday, January 5**. Pay in full for Spring Session 2 by **Friday, March 9**. If you do not contact the registrar before Spring Session 2 your card on file will be automatically charged on the first day of the session.
2. Pay in full for Spring Session 1 (including the Student Company Class Tuition, Dance Technique Class Tuition (if taking at FFP), and Aerial Technique Class Tuition) by **Friday, January 5**. Pay the Production Fee and pay in full for Spring Session 2 by **Friday, March 9**. If you do not contact the registrar before Spring 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 can find a Work-Study application on our website at www.frequentflyers.org under the Get Involved tab. Work Study applications are due to Niki Rutishauser (office@frequentflyers.org) at the time you turn in your contract (for returning students) or your application (for new students).

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 most Wednesdays 7-7:30pm and other times by appointment. 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

- Elementary School and High School Instructor: Nicole Predki (lana-kila@msn.com)
- Elementary School and High School Instructor: Sarah Harrison (sar3ah@gmail.com)
- Middle School & High Flyers Instructor: Alysha Perrin (alysha@frequentflyers.org)
- Middle School Instructor: Angela Folz (angelafolz@gmail.com)
- StudCo Director & High Flyers Instructor: 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 Spring 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, January 10.

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.