



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 18th season in Spring

2019, 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.

PERFORMANCE THEME: We will be doing a narrative show this season based on *Peter Pan!*

NOTE: Each student applying for Student Company must be age 8-18 and have completed two aerial sessions with us or send a video to find out if you qualify to Education Director, Alysha Perrin alysha@frequentflyers.org.

A. Important Dates

1. Admittance Dates

- **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, submit a signed contract to the education office in hard copy or electronically to sarah@frequentflyers.org to guarantee your spot in StudCo.
 - Signed contracts to guarantee your spot are due **Monday, December 17.**
 - Submit a work-study or scholarship application with your contract if you are applying for those options.
 - Notification of class assignments will be sent you by **Friday, December 21.**
- **New Students:**
 - Application Due Date: **Monday, December 17 by 5pm.** All materials must be received by that time (including a work-study or scholarship application if you are

applying for those options). Please bring a hardcopy to the FFP office or send an electronic copy to Assistant Education Director, Sarah Harrison at sarah@frequentflyers.org.

- o Notification of acceptance decision will be emailed to you by **Friday, December 21**.

2. Parent / guardian meetings and social

- On the first week of classes, **Wednesday, January 9th** we will have a parent / guardian meeting and a social!
 - o 5:45-6:15pm Mandatory meeting for StudCo parent / guardians in Studio 1
 - o 6:15-7:30 open social. Please come meet / catch up with your fellow StudCo families!

3. Session Dates

- Spring Session 1: January 7 - March 10
 - Spring Session 2: March 11 - May 24
 - Student Company Class rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday evenings***
 - o 4:15-5:45pm for Youth and Teen 1
 - o 7:30-9pm for Teen 2 and Teen Intensive(by audition only)
- * No class March 28, May 9, or May 23.

NO CLASSES WEEK OF 3/25-3/31 for Spring Break (except camps) or 4/22-4/28 (except weekday Open Gyms). Last class May 15.

Additionally, we will have two full-cast rehearsals Wed, April 24 and May 1 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 **Wednesday, May 8 - Saturday, May 11**.
- Wednesday, May 8: 5-9pm Tech Rehearsal (Costumes & Hair)
- Thursday, May 9: 5-9pm Dress Rehearsal (Costumes, Hair, & Make-up)
- Friday, May 10: 5pm Call; 7pm Performance
- Saturday, May 11: 12pm Call, 2pm Performance

5. Other Important Dates

- Report rehearsal conflicts in an email to Student Company Director, Megan Cattau (megan@frequentflyers.org) by **Wednesday, January 9**.

B. Participation Requirements

Prerequisites

Each company member must be age 8-18 and is required to have completed two FFP aerial sessions (or by director approval) prior to joining Student Company.

Required Classes

Each company member is required to attend:

- Student Company class on Wednesdays
- 1 aerial technique class each session (both Spring 1 and Spring 2)
 - The instructors can recommend an aerial technique class specific to the student's growth if the student is unsure what class to take.
 - You may take different technique classes each session.
- 1 session of either Youth or Teen Dance, both of which take place on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15pm

Absentee Policy

- Mandatory Theater Rehearsals include Tech/Dress/Performances at the Frequent Flyers Studio and/or at The Dairy Arts Center (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 and must email the Student Company Director Megan Cattau (megan@frequentflyers.org) by **Wednesday, Wednesday, January 9, 2019**. Excused absences will be considered under special circumstances, and only if requested by January 9.
- Mandatory Rehearsals include all Wednesday Student Company classes at Frequent Flyers. No unexcused absences are allowed. Each Student Company Member is allowed 2 excused absences for the Spring semester. An absence is only considered excused if you have contacted the office prior to the date of the absence. If a student misses more than 2 rehearsals, 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. This requirement exists for your student's safety, as well as the safety of the students they are performing with. Students missing a mandatory rehearsal on short notice should contact the Office Manager, Emily Creek (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.

Student Company Social Time

On **Wednesday nights from 5:45-6:15pm** the students have a break between classes. This is a great time not only for snacks or dinner, but also a built in block for social time. Spending time together outside of class helps the students get to know one another, build community, and have fun! Do note that we are not able to provide formal child care during this time. There will be staff in the office and/or teachers in the studios. If you feel comfortable with your child being at the studio without formal supervision, then we encourage you to let them stay at this time to spend some time with their fellow company members.

C. Financial Commitment & Payment Options

This year, Student Company will be tuition based per semester. Spring semester tuition cost is \$1130. This tuition includes payment for all of your required classes for both sessions, as well as your production fee. You have 2 options for payment. See below.

1. Make one payment at the beginning of the semester and get 5% off the total cost, bringing your total to \$1073.50. This payment is due by Monday, January 1st.
2. Make 5 monthly payments on the 1st of each month throughout the semester. Your first payment will be due on January 1st and will include the \$150 production fee and 1/5 of the tuition cost which equals \$196. The next 4 payments will be assessed on February 1st, March 1st, April 1st, and May 1st and will be \$196 each. You must provide a credit card on your MindBody account to select this option, and the charges will be set up through auto-pay.
3. Work Study/Scholarship 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. All students may apply for scholarship funding and those who are 12-years-of-age or older may apply for Work Study. 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 Education Director, Sarah Harrison (sarah@frequentflyers.org) at the time you turn in your application.

NOTE: If you must drop out of Student Company after the start of the season on Wednesday, January 9th, the \$150 production fee is non-refundable.

*As a Student Company member, you may purchase additional classes at 20% off the full price.

Photo/Video

Professional photos and video will be taken of the show. Once they have been processed, we will send you information and pricing via email if you'd like copies.

D. Communication

Your instructors, the Student Company Director, and the Education Team 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. If you'd like to share feedback or concerns, please feel free to catch up with the teachers after class or email the Student Company Director, Megan Cattau, at megan@frequentflyers.org. Megan and the Assistant Education Director, Sarah Harrison, will also 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, they 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.

E. Contact Information

Youth StudCo Staff and Instructors

- Teen Intensive Instructor & Education Director: Alysha Perrin (alysha@frequentflyers.org)
- Teen 1 & Teen 2 Instructor & Ast. Ed. Director: Sarah Harrison (sarah@frequentflyers.org)
- Youth and Teen 2 Instructor: Nicole Predki (lane-kila@msn.com)
- Youth Instructor: Maya Muenzer (mmuenzer@oberlin.edu)
- Teen 1 and Teen Intensive Instructor: Angela Folz (angelafolz@frequentflyers.org)
- Student Company Director: Megan Cattau (megan@frequentflyers.org)
- Office Manager/Registrar: Emily Creek (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, 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 Emily Creek (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 9.

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

The Assistant Education Director, Sarah Harrison: sarah@frequentflyers.org OR 303-245-8272 handles all of the Student Company registration and any questions pertaining to MindBody Online and our classes.