



## **Frequent Flyers Adult Student Company**

### **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. Students should have a strong desire to learn more about the art of aerial

dance and have the ability to be a focused, positive presence in classes and rehearsals. Frequent Flyers Student Company will present its 24th season in Spring 2022, with professional-quality performances at the Dairy Center for the Arts in Boulder.

**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.

### **Participation Requirements**

*Prerequisites:* Each company member is required to have completed two FFP aerial sessions prior to joining Student Company. Please email [natalie@frequentflyers.org](mailto:natalie@frequentflyers.org). if you have any questions about qualifying.

**Returning Students:** Contracts are due by Friday, December 3rd to [natalie@frequentflyers.org](mailto:natalie@frequentflyers.org).

**New Students:** Applications are due by Monday, December 6th, to [natalie@frequentflyers.org](mailto:natalie@frequentflyers.org). You will be notified of your acceptance by Wednesday, December 8th. If spaces are still available, we can accept late applications through December 31st. Contracts will be due to the office by December 10th.

### *Required Classes*

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  - Student Company class **Wednesdays 7-9pm**
  - 1 aerial technique class each session ( Spring 1, Spring 2 and Spring 3)
    - The instructors can recommend an aerial technique class if you'd like some guidance. You may take different technique classes each session.

### *Absentee Policy*

- Mandatory Theater Rehearsals include Tech/Dress/Performances at the Frequent Flyers Studio and/or at The Dairy Arts Center. **If student has a conflict with a mandatory rehearsal, the student must report that conflict in their application and contract, and must email Natalie Devine ([natalie@frequentflyers.org](mailto:natalie@frequentflyers.org)) by Monday, January 10th.** Excused absences will be considered under special circumstances.
- Mandatory Rehearsals include all Monday Student Company classes at Frequent Flyers. No unexcused absences are allowed. 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 the student safety, as well as the safety of the students they are performing with. Students missing a mandatory rehearsal on short notice should contact the Student Company Director, Natalie Devine ([Natalie@frequentflyers.org](mailto:Natalie@frequentflyers.org)) and your student's instructors as soon as possible before the missed class.

### *Behavior*

- One of the main 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 Frequent Flyers, including within your StudCo classes. As StudCo members, you 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.

### **Performance Dates / Show week Rehearsals** – all at the Dairy Arts Center

- Adult Studco show rehearsals and the Spring show will occur **May 7th**
- Monday May 2nd: 4:30-9pm Tech (Costumes, Hair)
- Tuesday, May 3rd 4:30-9pm Dress Rehearsal (Costumes, Hair, Make Up)
- Saturday, May 7th: 5 pm Call, 7pm Performance

### **Session Dates**

- Spring Session 1: January 10th - February 20th
- Spring Session 2: February 21st - April 10th no classes 3/21-3/27
- Spring Session 3: April 11th- May 27th no classes 4/17, and 5/2-5/8
- Student Company Class rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday Evenings\***

## **Financial Commitment & Payment Options**

This year, Student Company will be tuition based per semester. Spring tuition is \$1400. This tuition includes payment for all of your required classes for all sessions, as well as your production fee. You have 3 options for payment. See below.

1. Make one payment at the beginning of the semester and get 5% off of the contract price (\$1200- 5%( \$60) = \$1140). When added to the \$200 non-refundable production fee, this will total \$1340. This payment is due upon receipt of the contract.

2. Pay the \$200 non-refundable production fee upon receiving the contract, then make 5 monthly payments of \$240 on the 1st of each month January - May 2022. 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. **Work Study and scholarship applications may be requested from and are due to Vicki Whisenhunt ([vicki@frequentflyers.org](mailto:vicki@frequentflyers.org)) by December 31st, 2021.**

NOTE: If you must drop out of Student Company after the start of the season on Wednesday, January 12th, the \$200 production fee is non-refundable.

\*As a Student Company member, you may purchase additional session classes at 10% off the full price.

## **Photo/Video**

Professional photos and video will be taken of the show. This season the cost for both the photos and video are included in your production fee. You will receive photos and video via email as quickly as they are edited and given to us.

## **D. Communication**

Your instructors, the Student Company Director, and the Education Team want you to feel comfortable voicing your joys, concerns, and confusion 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, Natalie Devine, at [Natalie@frequentflyers.org](mailto:Natalie@frequentflyers.org) or Nancy Smith at [nes@frequentflyers.org](mailto:nes@frequentflyers.org). Natalie and Nancy will also communicate with StudCo members primarily through email to relay any important information about assignments, supplies, costumes, performance details, scheduling, etc. It is important that you check your email regularly and respond within a few days, and it is ultimately your responsibility to make sure you have received the information.

## **E. Contact Information**

*StudCo Staff*

Education Director- Vicki Whisenhunt Vicki@frequentflyers.org

Student Company Director- Natalie Devine natalie@frequentflyers.org

**F. FAQ**

**What do my fees pay for?**

The Student Company fees include, but are not limited to theater rental for rehearsals and performances, professional photos and video, 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.

**How will I receive information about Student Company updates, costumes, things we need to bring to the theater, etc.?**

You will be notified via email about student company information; it is very important that we have an updated email address for you in your file.