



## **Frequent Flyers Youth 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 must be age 8-18 and 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 and contracts will be due Friday, December 10th, to [natalie@frequentflyers.org](mailto:natalie@frequentflyers.org). If spaces are still available, we can accept late applications through December 31st.

### *Required Classes*

Each company member is required to attend:

- Student Company class on Wednesdays
- 1 aerial technique class each session, Spring 1, 2, 3. 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 guardian / student must report that conflict in their application and contract, and must email Natalie [natalie@frequentflyers.org](mailto:natalie@frequentflyers.org) by Monday, January 10th..** Excused absences will be considered under special circumstances.

- Mandatory Rehearsals include all Wednesday Student Company classes at Frequent Flyers. Due to the more restricted nature of COVID-19 requirements, we will not have a limit to excused absences this season. 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 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 / 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.

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

- Youth Studco show rehearsals and the Spring Studco show will be May 6th and 7th
- Wednesday, May 4th: 4:30-9pm Tech (Costumes, Hair)
- Thursday, May 5th: 4:30-9pm Dress Rehearsal (Costumes, Hair, Make Up)
- Friday, May 6th: 5pm Call, 7pm Performance
- Saturday, May 7th: 12pm Call, 2pm 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\*** from 4:30-6:30

**Additionally, we will have TWO full cast rehearsals on Wednesday April 20th and 27th, from 4:30-9 (with a dinner break). The full-cast rehearsals are mandatory.**

**Parent Information:** Please join us during the first week of Student Company on Wednesday, January 19th from 6:30-7 In Studio 1 to learn more information about what it means to be a part of studco, meet other studco parents, and ask any questions you may have.

### **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 Friday ,December 31st .**

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 / your child 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 Founder and Artistic Director, Nancy Smith [nes@frequentflyers.org](mailto:nes@frequentflyers.org). Natalie and Nancy 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*

Education Director - Vicki Whisenhunt [Vicki@frequentflyers.org](mailto:Vicki@frequentflyers.org)

Student Company Director- Natalie Devine [natalie@frequentflyers.org](mailto: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/ your child on file.