



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 25th season in Fall 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.

All company members are required to participate in a technique class of their choosing in addition to their required company meeting time. Company class will focus on choreographic creation for upcoming performances. Students will be expected to work in small groups to create their own choreography with the help and guidance of their instructors.

Teen StudCo Staff Information

Education Director - Vicki Whisenhunt Vicki@frequentflyers.org

Student Company Director- Casey Pottle casey@frequentflyers.org

Participation Requirements

For the Fall 2022 Student Company session, companies will be divided into groups based on experience. Each company member must be aged 8-18.

Prerequisites for Teen 1: 2 Full seasons of aerial classes. I.E: 3 sessions in Fall & 3 sessions in Spring

Prerequisites for Teen 2: 2+ years of aerial experience in 2-3 level classes. Prior completion of a season of Student Company is preferred.

Please email casey@frequentflyers.org if you have any questions about qualifying. Exceptions to requirements may be made on a case by case basis.

Returning Students: Contracts are due by Monday, August 1st 2022 to casey@frequentflyers.org.

New Students: Applications are due by Monday, July 18th, to casey@frequentflyers.org. You will be notified of your acceptance by Monday, July 25th and contracts will be due the following Monday, August 1st, to casey@frequentflyers.org. If spaces are still available, we can accept late applications through Monday August 1st.

Company Member Commitments:

- **Attend all required classes and rehearsals.** Each company member is required to attend:
 - Student Company class on Wednesdays from 4:45-6:45
 - 1 aerial technique class each session, Fall 1, 2, 3. You may take different technique classes each session.
 - Mandatory Theater Rehearsals include Tech/Dress/Performances at the Frequent Flyers Studio and/or at The Dairy Arts Center

If a student has a conflict with a mandatory rehearsal, the guardian / student must report that conflict in their application and contract, and must email Casey casey@frequentflyers.org by Wednesday August 31st. If a student is missing a rehearsal on short notice, you should contact Casey as soon as possible before the missed class.

Display respectful behavior in all classes and rehearsals

- 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. Company members are expected to be role models and help us create a positive environment.
- Cell phones are not allowed to be used during instruction time, unless the instructors have given explicit permission to do so.
- Students are expected to be fully engaged in class instruction. This keeps students from getting hurt in the air.
- In addition to excessive absences, the Student Company or Education Director may dismiss a student at any time from an individual piece, performance, or the Student Company entirely if there are persistent problems with the policies stated in the Student Company contract or Frequent Flyers Aerial Dance Handbook, or the presence of an issue is detected that is considered inappropriate for the well being of the Student Company.
- Maintain a level of professionalism and respect when interacting with other FFP students, faculty & staff.

Company Parent Requirements:

- Attend the parent information meeting at the beginning of the session. The exact date for the Fall parent meeting will be determined prior to the start of the session and sent via email.

- Give instructors advance notification of if their child will be absent, late, or need to leave rehearsal early
- Keep an eye on emails, and stay on top of any class communications
- Be willing and prepared to volunteer at the theater for the student company production at the end of the season.
- Keep an open line of communication with StudCo instructors for any questions, comments, or concerns.
- Make sure students have performance basics including a nude leotard & tights, black leotard and black leggings

Additionally, we may have some longer full cast rehearsals as we get closer to the date of the show. Information on these rehearsals will be communicated to families in advance.

Frequent Flyers reserves the right to:

- Change rehearsal times and dates as necessary to accommodate the needs of the company. 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.
- Remove a student from the company if their behavior has a negative impact on the rest of the students
- Create or change choreography as it relates to the determined show theme

Financial Commitment & Payment Options

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.

This year, Student Company will be tuition based per semester. Total cost for the Fall semester is \$1200. 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 (\$1000- 5%(\$50) = \$950). When added to the \$200 non-refundable production fee, this will total \$1150. This payment is due upon receipt of the contract.

2. Pay the \$200 non-refundable production fee upon receiving the contract, then make 4 monthly payments of \$200 on the 1st of each month August- Dec 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 by Monday August 15th.**

NOTE: If you must drop out of Student Company after the start of the season on Wednesday August 24th, the \$200 production fee is non-refundable.

**As a Student Company member, you may purchase additional session classes at 10% off the full price. Please contact our Administrative Specialist, Sue Sutherland at office@frequentflyers.org

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 have feedback or concerns, you can speak to teachers directly after class or email the Student Company Director, Casey Pottle, at casey@frequentflyers.org or Director of Education, Vicki Whisenhunt at vicki@frequentflyers.org. Casey and Vicki 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 in a timely manner. Please note, it is ultimately the parent/guardian responsibility to make sure information has been received.

E. Contact Information

Youth StudCo Staff

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Fall 2022 Important Dates

Monday August 22nd	First Day Session 1. Technique Classes Start
Wednesday August 24th	First Day of Student Company
Wednesday August 31st	Teen StudCo Parent Meeting
Sunday October 9th	Fall Session 1 End
Monday October 10th	Fall Session 2 Start
November 21st-27th	Thanksgiving Break. No Classes
December 12th-17th	Show Week
December 9th- January 8th	Holiday Closure