



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 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.

Participation Requirements

Prerequisites: Each company member is required to have completed one full season or 3 sessions of classes prior to joining Student Company. Please email casey@frequentflyers.org. if you have any questions about qualifying.

Returning Students: Contracts are due by Monday, August 1st 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 15th.

Company Member Commitments:

Attend all required classes and rehearsals

- Student Company class on **Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00pm**
- 1 aerial technique class each session, Fall 1 and Fall 2. You may take different technique classes each session. If you are unsure about a class, you may get a recommendation from any of the instructors.
- Mandatory Theater Rehearsals include Tech/Dress/Performances at the Frequent Flyers Studio and/or at The Dairy Arts Center

If anyone has a conflict with a mandatory rehearsal, that should be communicated in the 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 and company instructors as soon as possible before the missed class.

No unexcused absences are allowed. An absence is only considered excused if you have contacted the office prior to the date of the absence. Excused absences will be considered under special circumstances. 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, Casey Pottle (casey@frequentflyers.org) and your student's instructors 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.

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

- Monday December 12th: 5:30-9:30pm Tech (Costumes, Hair)
- Tuesday, December 13th 5:30-9:30pm Dress Rehearsal (Costumes, Hair, Make Up)
- Saturday, December 17th: 5 pm Call, 7pm Performance

Session Dates

- Fall Session 1: August 22nd- October 9th
- Fall Session 2: October 10th - December 11th
- Thanksgiving Break: no classes 11/21-11/27
- Show Week: December 12th-17th

Financial Commitment & Payment Options

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 5 payments of \$200 on the 1st of each month August- December, 2022.
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.

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, Casey Pottle, at casey@frequentflyers.org or Nancy Smith at nes@frequentflyers.org. Casey 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- Casey Pottle - casey@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.

Fall 2022 Important Dates

Monday August 22nd	First Day Session 1. Technique Classes Start
Wednesday August 24th	First Day of Student Company
Sunday October 9th	Fall Session 1 End
Monday October 10th	Fall Session 2 Start
November 21st-27th	Thanksgiving Break. No Classes.
Sunday, December 11th	Fall Session 2 End
December 12th-17th	Show Week
December 19th- January 8th	Holiday Closure