



## **Frequent Flyers Youth Student Company**

### **What is StudCo and who is it for?**

Frequent Flyers Student Company is for enthusiastic students wanting 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 27th season in Fall 2024, with professional-quality productions at the Dairy Center for the Arts in Boulder, CO.

**MISSION:** The Frequent Flyers® Student Company is a supportive community fostering creative aerial dance performance opportunities, while empowering students to embody confidence in their artistic and technical abilities. Embedded in a safe, encouraging, non-competitive environment, students are encouraged to soar and grow in both ground and aerial movement.

### **Participation Requirements**

*Prerequisites:* Each company member must be ages 9-18 and have completed a minimum of a full year of classes at a Level 2 technique class prior to joining Student Company. Please email the Student Company Manager, Casey, [casey@frequentflyers.org](mailto:casey@frequentflyers.org) if you have any questions about qualifying.

**Returning Students:** Contracts are due by Friday, June 28th to [casey@frequentflyers.org](mailto:casey@frequentflyers.org)

**New Students:** Applications are due by Friday, June 21st, to [casey@frequentflyers.org](mailto:casey@frequentflyers.org). You will be notified of your acceptance by Monday, June 24th, and contracts will be due Friday, June 28th, to [casey@frequentflyers.org](mailto:casey@frequentflyers.org).

### **Required Classes/Rehearsals**

*Each company member is required to attend:*

- Student Company class on **Wednesdays, 4:30pm - 6:30pm**
- One aerial technique class for each spring session: Fall 1; Fall 2; and Fall 3. (You may take different technique classes each session.)
- Show week theater rehearsals at The Dairy Arts Center including Tech Rehearsal, Dress Rehearsal, and the Friday evening and Saturday afternoon performances.

## **Absentee Policy**

Students are allowed *three excused absences per semester for each class taken*. 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 two rehearsals, it is up to the Student Company Manager's discretion whether or not to exclude the student from
  - (1) aerial work in a piece
  - (2) all choreography in a particular piece
  - (3) the entire show.
- This requirement exists for your student's safety, as well as the safety of the students they are performing with. We understand life happens, but expect students to make Student Company a priority.

## **Behavior**

- One of the main priorities for Student Company 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 Student Company classes.
- In addition to absences, the Student Company Manager may dismiss a student at any time from a piece, performance, or Student Company if problems with the policies stated in the Student Company Contract or Frequent Flyers Aerial Dance Handbook persist.

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

- Wednesday, December 11th: 5-9pm Technical Rehearsal (Costumes, Hair)
- Thursday, December 12th: 5-9pm Dress Rehearsal (Costumes, Hair, Make Up)
- Friday, December 13th: 5pm Call, 7pm Performance
- Saturday, December 14th: 12pm Call, 2pm Performance

## **Fall 2024 Session Dates**

- Fall Session 1: August 19th - September 29th
- Fall Session 2: September 30th - November 10th
- Fall Session 3: November 11th - December 20th

## **Financial Commitment & Payment Options**

Student Company Fall contract price is \$1450. This price includes tuition for all of your required classes for all sessions or \$1250, as well as the production fee of \$200. You have 3 options for payment. See below.

1. Make one payment at the beginning of the semester and get 5% off of the tuition (\$1250 - 5% ( \$62.50) = \$1187.50). When added to the \$200 non-refundable production fee, this will total \$1387.50. 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 \$312.50 on the 1st of each month September - December, 2024. 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 16 years or older may apply for Work Study. **Work Study and Scholarship applications may be requested from and are due to our Business Manager, Chrystal Pochay ([chrystal@frequentflyers.org](mailto:chrystal@frequentflyers.org)) by June 21.**

### **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 after the semester production.

### **Communication**

Your instructors, the Student Company Manager, and the Education Team want you to feel comfortable voicing your joys, concerns, and questions 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 talk with the teachers after class or email the Student Company Manager, Casey Pottle, at [casey@frequentflyers.org](mailto:casey@frequentflyers.org). Casey will communicate with Student Company members and parents/guardians *primarily through email* to relay any important information about assignments, supplies, costumes, performance details, scheduling, etc. 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!

### **Contact Information**

#### *Student Company Staff*

Student Company Manager: Casey Pottle - [casey@frequentflyers.org](mailto:casey@frequentflyers.org)

Artistic Director: Nancy Smith - [nesmith@frequentflyers.org](mailto:nesmith@frequentflyers.org)

Education Director: Ariana Papousek - [ariana@frequentflyers.org](mailto:ariana@frequentflyers.org)

Business Manager: Chrystal Pochay - [chrystal@frequentflyers.org](mailto:chrystal@frequentflyers.org)

## **FAQ**

*What do my fees pay for?*

The Student Company fees go towards theater rental for rehearsals and performances, costumes, professional photos and video, teacher pay, program printing, technical production needs, marketing, rigging transportation, full-cast rehearsal support, and other necessities to make the Student Company show successful.

*How will I receive information about Student Company updates?*

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.

*Is my technique class included in my Student Company tuition? Do I need to sign myself up?*

Yes it is. Students are required to take one aerial technique class each session, which is included in your tuition. The Student Company Manager will sign Student Company members up for their class each session.

*Can I take more than one technique class a session?*

Absolutely! As a Student Company member, you may take any additional classes at 10% off the full price. The Student Company Manager will also sign up members for additional classes.

*What should I / my student wear?*

Please wear clothes that are easy to dance and move in. Preferably tighter fitter clothes like leggings, leotards, t-shirts, etc so as to avoid any clothing getting caught in the apparatuses. Please cover armpits and mid-sections to avoid fabric burns. Hair should be pulled back away from the face.