



## **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 29th season in Fall 2025, with professional-quality productions at the Dairy Arts Center 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 one full year of classes at a Level 2/3 prior to joining Student Company. Please email the Student Company Manager, Casey, if you have any questions about qualifying.

**Returning Students:** Contracts are due by *Friday, June 6th*, to [casey@frequentflyers.org](mailto:casey@frequentflyers.org)

**New Students:** Applications are due by *Monday, June 2nd*, to [casey@frequentflyers.org](mailto:casey@frequentflyers.org). You will be notified of your acceptance by *Friday, June 6th*, and contracts will be due *Monday, June 9th*.

### **Required Classes/Rehearsals**

Each company member is required to attend:

- Student Company class: Youth (ages 9-13) or Teen (ages 14-18) 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 Rehearsals, and two weekends of performances: Weekend 1 - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; Weekend 2: Saturday, Sunday. (Dates listed below).

## **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 three 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.

## **Behavioral Policy**

One of the main priorities for Student Company is to create an inclusive atmosphere where everyone feels safe and encouraged to play while developing 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
  - (1) a piece in the show
  - (2) the company performance
  - (3) the the Student Company itselfif problems with the policies stated in the Student Company Contract or Frequent Flyers Aerial Dance Handbook persist.

## **All Mandatory Performance Dates / Rehearsals – all at the Dairy Arts Center**

### ***Dairy Schedule RATCRACKER with Intensive and Professional Company***

Wednesday, Tech Rehearsal, 12/3: 5-9pm

Thursday, Dress Rehearsal, 12/4: 5-9pm

Friday, SHOW, 12/5: at 7:00 pm (call 5 pm)

Saturday SHOW, 12/6: at 7:00 pm (call 5pm)

Sunday SHOW, 12/7: at 2:00 pm (call 12pm)

### **And SECOND WEEK OF PERFORMANCES**

Wednesday, Dress Rehearsal, 12/10: 5-9 pm

Friday SHOW, 12/12: 7:00 pm (call 5 pm)

Saturday SHOW, 12/13: Two performances - 2:00 pm (call 12pm) and 7:00 pm (call 5pm)

## **Fall 2025 Session Dates**

- Fall Session 1: August 18th - September 28th
- Fall Session 2: September 29th - November 9th
- Fall Session 3: November 10th - December 19th

## **Financial Commitment & Payment Options**

Student Company Fall contract price is \$1650. This price includes 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 (\$1450 - 5% (\$72.50) = \$1377.50). When added to the \$200 non-refundable production fee, this will total \$1577.50. 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 \$362.50 on the 1st of each month September - December, 2025. 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 14 years or older may apply for Work Study. **Work Study and Scholarship applications may be requested from and are due to Martin Wilson (martin@frequentflyers.org) by June 9th.**

## **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**

Casey will communicate with StudCo students 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)

Executive Director: Martin Wilson - [martin@frequentflyers.org](mailto:martin@frequentflyers.org)

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

Education Director: Ariana Papousek - [ariana@frequentflyers.org](mailto:ariana@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 Fall 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?***

Students are required to take one aerial technique class each session, which is included in your tuition. The Student Company Manager will sign students 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 session classes at 10% off the full price.

### ***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. Hair should be pulled back away from the face. No jewelry or watches.