

# CAST BIOS

**Hannah Arnett** (Worker 1/Wedding Guest/The Poor)

**Addie Beattie** (Student/The Poor/Onlooker/Wedding Dancer) is so excited to be a part of *Les Misérables*, her first Places! Productions show! It's a family favorite. She has mostly recently performed as Little Red in *Into the Woods* and Jan in *Grease* at CYT. She is in 8th grade, is 14 years old, and has been doing musical theater for 5 years. She would like to thank her directors, friends, family and teachers for always supporting her.

**Sarah Chandler** (Factory Girl 5/Student/The

Poor/Wedding Dancer/Swing) is NOT miserable to be in this wonderful production of *Les Mis School Edition*! She has recently performed in *Legally Blonde Jr.* (Kate), *The Velveteen Rabbit* (Velveteen Rabbit Spirit), and *Into The Woods* (Little Red). Sarah is currently in 10th grade and loves to learn, when she is not on the stage. Thank you to Allison, Brianna, Tim, Lily, Abby, and the extremely talented cast for bringing this show to life!

**Mara Chiles** (Madame Thenardier/Lovely Lady) is very excited to play Madame Thenardier in Places! Productions' performance of *Les Mis*. Mara, a senior in high school, has been doing theatre for 8 years, and even though this will be her last full season at Places!, she is so excited to hopefully be working with them in the future. You may have seen Mara in roles such as Motormouth Mabel in *Hairspray*. Mara is so excited for you to see this wonderful show and she hopes you enjoy!

**Hayley Christesson** (Nurse Perpetua/Turning 3/Wedding Dancer/The Poor) is a 8th grader at Learning Foundation and Performing Arts and is excited to be a part of this amazing show. She is so grateful to be a part of Places! Productions. Over the past few years, she has loved being a member of Ping and Presto and has performed in many productions including *Legally Blonde Jr.*, *We Will Rock You*, *Velveteen Rabbit*, *Shrek the Musical*, *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, *Type One*, and *Harmony High*. A special thank you to Allison for helping her realize her love of theater!



**Izzy Cons** (Fantine/Student/Lovely Lady 1) is honored to play Fantine in this production of *Les Mis*, as well as be a part of such an amazing cast. She's been performing for over 8 years and has last been seen with Places! as Margot in *Legally Blonde Jr* and Belle in *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. She's amazed with how far this cast has come and loved the new challenge of such an emotional musical. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Gracie Cook** (Nurser Simplice/Bystander 2/Onlooker/The Poor) is 13, in 8th grade and attends Learning Foundation and Performing Arts Academy. She has a strong passion for theatre and has been performing since she was 5 years old!! Some previous shows she has been in are *Legally Blonde* ( Places! Productions), *Guys and Dolls* (Learning foundation and Performing Arts Academy), *The Velveteen Rabbit* ( Places! Productions), *Beauty and the Beast* ( Places! Productions), and many more. Gracie would like to thank everyone on the Places! Board, her family and friends for getting her this far.



**Ashton Churchill** (Thenardier/Pimp/The Poor) is very excited to be working with Places! Productions once more to bring you this wonderful show! In the past, they've worked with Places! on shows such as *Legally Blonde* as Winthrop/Judge, *We Will Rock You* as Buddy and *Beauty And The Beast* as Cogsworth while also tackling other projects simultaneously, namely *Matilda* as Agatha Trunchbull at LFPA, *Guys and Dolls* as Nicely, and *Footloose* as Willard, so as you may be able to imagine, it's been a wild ride, but all the incredible and supportive cast and crew members have definitely made it worthwhile and so has our wonderful audience. "Thank you so much for attending our show; I sincerely do hope you enjoy!"





**Lauren Devey** (Worker 2/Student/The Poor/Onlooker/Wedding Dancer), is a 9th grader at American Leadership Academy. She has been acting for 3 years and is a member of the Junior Thespian Society. Most recently, she played the role of Chutney Wyndham in Places! Productions' *Legally Blonde Jr.* Last year, she was awarded "Best Supporting Actress in a Musical" for her portrayal of Ermengarde in her school's production of *Hello, Dolly!*. She was also honored to receive her school's "Spirit of Drama" award and the award for "Outstanding Ensemble Member" for her performances in *Julius Caesar* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in 2020. In addition to acting and singing, Lauren is a member of her school's Show Choir, studies Ballroom Dancing, and is a gifted sketch artist. She is very excited to join Places! Productions' ensemble for this production of *Les Misérables*.

**Isabelle Etchamendy** (Cosette/The Poor), age 15, has been with Places! since they began with *Annie*; she played Pepper. She was also in Presto for a few years, at the initial stages of the group's formation. Isabelle has had the honor of playing Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast*, Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, Mary Poppins in the *Happiest Place on Earth*. These past 5-6 years with Places! have brought a fine collection of memories and shows, however playing Cosette in *Les Misérables* is her absolute favorite. "Les Misérables is by far my favorite, because of its historical value, music and cast."



**Gabi Etheridge** (Girl 1/Sick Lovely Lady/Wedding Dancer/Turning 4/Swing) is a junior at Mountain View High School. She is so excited to be back after recently being seen as Delta Nu and Cashier in *Legally Blonde*, Quatro and Teen Queen in *We Will Rock You Meg* in *Little Women*. "Thank you to the whole cast and crew of this production. We hope you enjoy!"



**Alison Ethridge** (Champmatheiu's Wife/Wedding Dancer/The Poor/Onlooker)

Has always been in some sort of dance; for a while it was ballet and tap, but now it's Colorguard, where she tosses flags, sabers, and rifles and dances all at the same time. She started to realize that she enjoys performing when she did a play for her elementary school and loved being on stage and backstage! She's always loved musicals like *Hamilton* and, of course, *Les Miserables*, which got her pretty interested in this. "I'd like to thank my family and friends for telling me about Places! Productions and for them providing fun experiences for me."



**Lindsay French** (The Poor/Wedding Dancer) is 14 years old and in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Higley High School. Her favorite roles include Mayzie LaBird in *Seussical Jr.* (LFPA), Britney Spears in *We Will Rock You* (Places! Productions), and Iris Kelly in *Fame Jr* (AYT). In her free time she enjoys dance and

being part of her school pom team. She would like to thank Allison and David for giving her this opportunity in the casts.



**Mohika Gauani** (Fantine/Student/Lovely Lady 1) is so so happy to be playing Fantine in this production, and so excited for everyone to see it! Though it is her first show with Places!, she has been seen in many other

roles, most recently including Ariel in *Footloose* and Katherine in *Freaky Friday*. Mohika is a senior at LFPA high school, who devotes all her extracurriculars to all things performing. She would like to thank her friends and family for their endless support!



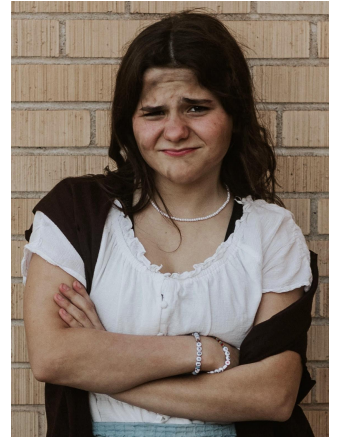
**Phoenix Gladney** (Grantaire/Convict 1/Laborer/Wedding Dancer) is a 16-year-old musician and artist ready for their 4th show with Places! Productions (Buddy in *We Will Rock You*, Chad in *Legally Blonde*, and Train in *Velveteen Rabbit*). Phoenix will next be seen as King in EVHS's *The Nutcracker*. Aside from music and art, they like to write, cook, read, and act. They extend their thanks to any families attending the show, and even more thanks to their fellow actors, who are working so hard to bring the best to the audience! They hope you all enjoy the show.

**Joseph Killinger** (Joly/Convict/Sailor 1/The Poor)



**Alec Gordon** (Sailor 3/Bamatabois/Army Officer) is pumped to be back with Places! Productions for another show! His past roles consist of Maurice in *Beauty and the Beast*, Judge Hathorne in *The Crucible*, Mr. Laurence in *Little Women*, Khashoggi in *We Will Rock You*, and Callahan and Kyle in *Legally Blonde*. He thanks Allison, Lily, Mills, and the whole cast and crew of *Les Mis* for an incredible opportunity!

**Olivia Haller** (Onlooker 3/Turning 1/The Poor/Wedding Guest) has spent most of her life on stage. This is her tenth Places! performance, following roles in *Annie*, *At the Bandstand!*, *The Happiest Place on Earth*, *Harmony High*, *Alice in Wonderland* (March Hare), *Type One*, *Shrek*, *Beauty and the Beast* (Lumiere), *We Will Rock You* (Oz), and *Legally Blonde* (Gaelen). Olivia also sings and dances in the Presto! show choir.



**Laney Hoekstra** (Little Cosette/Little Eponine/Gavroche's Gang) is 10 years old and in the 5th grade at Great Hearts Archway Cicero. This is her 1st show with Places! Productions and 7th show overall. Some of her favorite roles have been Gretchen (*Freaky Friday*), Chip (*Beauty and the Beast*) and Young Elsa (*Frozen*). Laney has performed at Disneyland and is an alumna of Broadway Artist Alliance in NYC where she studies musical theater, acting and singing. Laney would like to thank her directors for their guidance and her fellow cast mates for being so amazing, and she can't wait to perform with you!

**Ayden Iwan** (Marius/Constable 1) is thrilled to be performing with Places! Productions for the first time in *Les Miserables* and is honored to be playing Marius. Ayden is 13 years old, and some of his past roles include Jesus in CYT's production of *Godspell*, Doody in CYT's production of *Grease*, and Percy Jackson in CYT's production of *Percy Jackson the Musical*. Ayden would like to thank his wonderful directors for giving him this opportunity, and he would also like to thank Maya Chavez for helping him prepare for this role. He looks forward to doing more shows with Places! Productions in the future!



**Ruby Jensen** (Lovely Lady 3/Wedding Guest/The Poor)

**Landri Jones** (Girl 2/Lovely Lady/The Poor/Wedding Guest) has been in several productions over her school career, with her favorites including being an ensemble

member in *Les Miserables*, and playing Jackie in *Jackie and the Beanstalk*. Landri's favorite musical of all time is *Les Miserables*, and she is overjoyed to be able to participate in this amazing production. Landri would like to thank the amazing staff of Places! Productions and her family and friends for being so supportive.



**Mady King** (Cosette/The Poor) loves being a part of the cast of *Les Miserables*! She has been performing with Places! since the beginning where she was an orphan in *Annie Jr.* Favorite credits include, Places! Productions *Legally Blonde* (Serena), *The Crucible* (Betty Parris), and *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (Belle). In addition to musical theater, Mady enjoys being a part of Places! Productions' PRESTO Performance group. She sincerely thanks the Places! Team for all their love and support!

**Rigley Kirkpatrick** (Gavroche/The Poor) is thrilled to be on his 7th performance with Places! Productions! In *Les Mis*, he plays the role of Gavroche and has had a great time. In his free time, Rigley likes to play games with his friends, and sing and dance. He is enjoying his weekly voice lessons and the voice competitions he is able to participate in. Rigley

would like to thank his mommy because she is so pretty and great.



**Neelan Kumar** was born in 2009 in Gilbert, Arizona. She has lived in Mesa her whole life. She started taking voice lessons in August of 2017, and continued for 4 years. She also became interested in taking piano lessons in 2018, and also continued until 2021. Neelan is a student in BASIS Mesa. She is currently in band playing saxophone. At school, she has been awarded the citizenship, friendship and kindness awards. Neelan is also an honor student. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She likes hiking and target shooting. Neelan has traveled to many countries such as Italy, Switzerland, India, France and Iran. She is an amazing, kind hearted and intelligent young lady.

**Danielle Lee** (Old Woman/The Poor/Wedding Guest) is a sophomore at BASIS Mesa and is thrilled to be part of this performance of *Les Mis*! This is her second performance with Places! Productions. At school right now, she is vice president of their Thespian Society and is a part of the Advanced Drama class where she played Amazon in their latest production. "Thanks to all my friends in and out of the cast that have encouraged me to be part of this amazing show! Everyone's going to do amazing!"





**Liam Lopez** (Lesgles/Convict 4/Sentry 1/Major Domo/The Poor/Wedding Dancer) is a director and actor. He has starred in shows such as *Guys and Dolls* as Benny Southstreet and *Legally Blonde Jr.* as Dewey. This is his second show at Places! Productions, and is so excited for everyone to watch this show!

**Alexis Martin** (The Poor/Onlooker) is ecstatic and thrilled to be in *Les Miserables* and *The Little Match Girl!!* She is an 8th grader at BASIS Mesa and some of her best roles include Pooh (*Winnie the Pooh*), Mr. Pinkerton (*Pinkalicious*), and John Darling (*Peter Pan*). She would like to thank her family, friends, and the whole cast and crew of Places! Enjoy the show!!



**Farrah McArthur** (Little Cosette/Little Eponine/Gavroche's Gang) is so excited to be performing in her 1st show with Places! Productions. Farrah is 10 years old, a 5th grader at Archway Chandler. After performing musical theater for the first time just this past summer (*Annie*-“Pepper” and “Star to Be”), she was hooked right away. Music and performing however have always been a passion of hers from the time she could walk and talk. She has won awards and accolades for her Poem recitation (The Bard completion), and singing competitions (NATS). Her all-embracing love of the theater is easily witnessed in every performance. She would like to thank Allison Houston for her thorough training and encouragement and her family for their unwavering love and support.



**Hyrum McClure** (Fauchelevent/Combeferre/Bishop U/S/Swing) is a freshman at ALA Gilbert North where he is active in Theatre, Show Choir and Ballroom. He has played Snug in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, ensemble in *Julius Caesar*, Barnaby Tucker in *Hello Dolly* and Honza Kosek in *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*. His favorite role to date has been Barnaby because he loves to make people laugh. Hyrum is excited to be part of the *Les Miserable* cast and the running joke is that he is the ultimate understudy. He is grateful for the support he has received from family and friends.

**Coat McGraw** (Onlooker 4/The Poor)





**Taylor McNeill** (Gavroche's Gang/The Poor) loves performing arts and appeared in his first PLACES! Production as a Host in the April 2022 production, *Rock 'n Roll Forever*. Taylor has also been a chorister for the Phoenix Boys Choir since 2016, reaching the Tour Choir level as a Soprano in the summer of 2020. He is also part of the BASIS Mesa Drama Club where he enjoys being the Director of the Sound Board during school performances and takes Performing Arts as his main elective. Taylor loves the outdoors and has been part of Scouts BSA since 2015. He was awarded his Life Rank in August 2022 and is in his second term as his Troop's Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and is finishing up his services as a Den Chief for his former Cub Scout Pack, Pack 380. Taylor also enjoys sports (basketball & tennis), bike riding, fishing, rock climbing & rappelling, camping, hiking and, of course, video games. He will once again be

working  
towards a 50-mile cycling



**Charlotte Miller** (Solo Urchin/Wedding Dancer/The Poor/Lovely Lady)

**Phoenix Moore** (Claquesous/Lovely Lady/The Poor) is 17 years old and is excited to return for their second production at Places! Productions. Some of Phoenix's favorite roles have included: Miss Gulch, Enid Hoopes, and Monsieur D'arque. They want to thank their teachers and cast members for a wonderful experience and hope you enjoy the show!



**Peta Nichols** (Girl 4/Onlooker/The Poor/Wedding Dancer) is a sophomore at ASU Poly Prep High School and is excited to be given the chance to perform in another amazing show with Places! Productions. She is relatively new to acting but has been seen as Grace in *Annie Jr.* at Mesa Arts Center and Whitney in *Legally Blonde*. She would like to thank the Places! team for this amazing opportunity. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!!

**Schotia Nixon** (Little Azelma/Gavroche's Gang), age 9, loves to perform and is absolutely delighted to be playing the title role in *The Little Match Girl*, as well as performing in *Les Mis*. Thank you to Allison, David and Juli for allowing her this opportunity. She has loved being a part of everything that Places! Productions



produces, including their past production of *Pinkalicious* and performing alongside her siblings in Ping Show Choir!

**Hunter Parent** (Babet/Magnon Boy/The Poor/Army Officer u/s) (age 13) moved to Arizona from Oregon in 2019. He has grown up watching his older sisters and brother perform in 60+ theatre productions. He finally decided that he loved Shakespeare enough and has performed in a 1920's version of *Twelfth Night* (as a Keystone cop) and in *Midsummer Night's Dream*, playing Robin Starveling. He seems to take after his sister, Noelle, in having a knack for making others laugh on stage. Having watched his sisters rehearse for months in a previous production of *Les Misérables*, he knew most of the lyrics before the first rehearsal of this, his first musical. His real loves include playing baseball year round, reading historical fiction and mysteries, playing video games and enjoying time with his dog, Takoda. He hopes to be an architect or engineer one day.

**Noelle Parent** (Madame Thenardier/The Poor) is excited to be in *Les Mis*! This is her 36th show since she began performing at age six. Noelle loves the story and musical so much this is her 3rd time being in this show. Recent credits: Delilah Strict (*Zombie Prom*), Ethel Toffelmier (*The Music Man*), Mae Tuck (*Tuck Everlasting*), Marmee & Aunt March (*Little Women*), Elizabeth Proctor (*The Crucible*) (*ariZoni award*), Miss Trunchbull (*Matilda*), Madame Thénardier (*Les Misérables*) (*ariZoni Nominated*), and The Witch (*Into the Woods*). Noelle would like to thank Allison, Mills, Lily, and the rest of the cast and crew for working so hard to put this beautiful show together!



**Izzy Redwitz** (Student/The Poor/Onlooker/Wedding Dancer) is very excited to be a part of the ensemble in *Les Miserables* with Places! Productions, since it's one of her favorite musicals. Her other roles have included Maurice and Ensemble in *Beauty and the Beast*, Dean Hyde in *All Shook Up*, and an Addams Family Ancestor in *The Addam's Family*. Theatre is her passion, and she has had a wonderful time making friends and working with this talented cast.

**Hannah Rubin** (Woman Solo/Lovely Lady/The Poor) has been in several different theater productions, favorites including the role of Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Alma Hix in *The Music Man*, Chorus Girl in *Singin' in The Rain*, and many more. Outside of theater, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, doing crafts, and being involved with her school. She wants to thank her parents and sisters for always showing her support and encouragement. She also wants to thank the amazing directors and cast for such an awesome experience and one that she will never forget.





**Ava Saba** (Eponine/Lovely Lady/The Poor) is 16 and in 11th grade. She is thrilled to be back on the Places! stage once again. She was most recently seen as Vivienne Kensington in *Legally Blonde* with Places! Productions. Some of her favorite roles she's played are Scaramouche in *We Will Rock You*, Beth March in *Little Women*, and Fiona in *Shrek* with Places! Productions. Other shows she has been in are *Lion King*, *All Shook Up* and *42nd Street* with AYT and *Matilda* with Valley Youth Theatre. As always, she wants to thank Allison for always believing in her and pushing her out of her comfort zone.

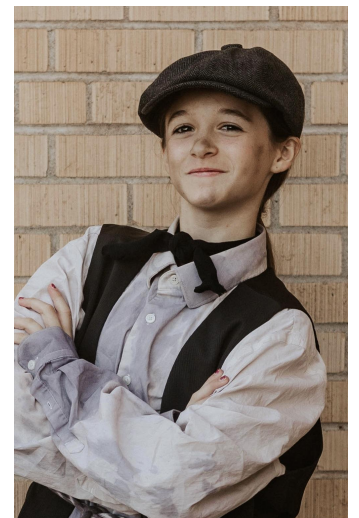
**Piper Searcy** (Bystander 1/The Poor/Wedding Guest/Onlooker) has been in love with musical theater since she was seven years old. She has done many performances for summer camps, but this is her first real show. Her favorite musical is *Les Miserables*, and her favorite role she ever played was Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast*. She is in tenth grade now and still loves musical theater with a passion! "I would like to thank my parents and siblings for always being there for me, Aunt Kristen and Sabina for being my biggest cheerleaders, and Miss Blasi for teaching me how to sing! Love you guys!"



**Sam Shaw** (Montparnasse/Lovely Lady 2/The Poor/Student)

**Preston South** (Feuilly/Brujon/Convict 5/The Poor/Wedding Dancer) is an 8th grader at Payne Jr. High in the Chandler Unified School District. Preston just recently got back into doing youth theatre and was LeFou in Limelight's production of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* and Jacob in *Joseph in and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He's excited to be a part of *Les Miserables*.

**Audra South** (Gavroche/The Poor) is a 5th grader at Weinberg Gifted Academy in the Chandler Unified School District. Audra is a trained competitive dancer at Artistic Motion Dance in Gilbert. Her main love is singing and performing in musicals. Some of her favorite past roles have been ensemble in *Newsies*, Jojo in *Seussical Jr.*, Cat in *Honk! Jr.*, and Matilda in *Matilda*. She is very excited to do her first shows with Places!.







**Abby Springer** (Eponine/The Poor), a sophomore at Mountain View with a giant smile and wicked sense of humor, is thrilled to make her debut with Places! Productions. Favorite past roles include Sharpay Evans in *High School Musical Jr.*, Kendra in *13*, Timon in *The Lion King Jr.*, and Imogene Herdman in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* — though Eponine now tops her list of favorites! Abby is beyond grateful to the directors for giving her a shot at her dream role and thrilled to perform with this talented cast. When she's not on stage, she enjoys hanging out with her friends, cuddling with her three dogs, dancing, art and writing. She's now reading the epic *Tale of Two Cities* to learn more about the French Revolution and get in touch with her *Les Mis* character.

**Hudson Sullivan** (Jean Prouvaire/The Foreman/Convict 2/Wedding Dancer)

**Joseph Sullivan** (Enjolras/Constable 2/Sailor 2/Wedding Dancer) is thrilled to be in *Les Miserables* for the 2nd time! He was previously in a production of the show at the age of 10 where he played Gavroche. Joe has been performing for all his life and grew up in New York. Some previous performances include *Jekyll and Hyde* (Mr. Hyde), *Legally Blonde* (Emmett Forrest), *Elf* (Buddy), and *Hamlet: A Tragedy in Three Rings* (Hamlet). Joe is thrilled to be back with his friends to perform in this show. *Les Mis* is his favorite musical and inspired him to get into script and music writing at a young age. In his free time, Joe likes to write music and plays, fence, and co-direct shows with his amazing girlfriend at State 48 Theatre Company. He would like to thank the cast and crew for always supporting him!



**Samuel Trudelle** (Petite Gervais/Gavroche's Gang) is in 3rd grade at Quartz Hill Elementary and this is his 3rd show with Places! Productions. Samuel is having a great time learning new musicals and is gaining more confidence each show that he participates in all thanks to Allison and the Places! Productions crew for all their time and energy and patience. Samuel hopes you all enjoy the show!



**Allie Weid** (Azelma/Magloire/Onlooker 1/Girl 3/The Poor/Wedding Guest) is currently in 9th grade at Desert Ridge High School. This is her third show with Places!. She's excited for this show to run because it's been a fun challenge. She is thankful to all of her friends in the show and the directors for their support.

**Davin Williams** (Bishop/Courfeyrac/Judge/Convict/Wedding Dancer/Swing) is a student at Desert Ridge High School. He is in Concert Chorale and Advanced Vocals and plays piano in the Strolling Strings class. He has been with Places! For about half a year, and has been incredibly lucky and grateful to be part of *We Will Rock You* (as Ringo), *Legally Blonde* (as Professor Callahan and Kyle), and now *Les Misérables* (as Bishop of Digne and Courfeyrac)! "Thank you for everything Places!"

**Dante Xavier** (Javert) made his Places! Productions debut as Donkey in *Shrek* and has since appeared in *Beauty and the Beast* (Beast), *Little Women* (Laurie), *We Will Rock You* (Galileo), and *Legally Blonde* (Emmett). He was most recently seen as Ren in Learning Foundation and Performing Arts' *Footloose*. Last month, he was awarded first place for both Musical Theatre and Commercial Music at AZ NATS. He is also a Presto performer, a teaching assistant for Ping, and arranged the orchestration for the Places! Theme song.



**Jackson Wood** (Jean Valjean) is a high school senior and was most recently seen at Places! in *Legally Blonde* (Warner). Past Places! shows also include *We Will Rock You* (Galileo), *Little Women* (Professor Bhaer), *The Crucible* (Willard), and *Beauty and the Beast* (Gaston). He was also just awarded first place in category at AZ NATS and is a member of Presto, Places' performance troupe.



# PRODUCTION BIOS

**Brianna Fallon** (Vocal Coach) (also known as Ms. Bri) simply ADORES Places! and all the wonderful humans involved. Thank you Allison for always finding a place for her. She can't wait for you to watch this amazing show with some of the most talented teens she has ever seen. Brianna is an actor, director, playwright, teaching artist, singer, and musician. She received her AA in Fine Arts with a focus on Theatre from MCC and has studied acting at Scottsdale Conservatory Theatre and the Megaw Actors studio. She is passionate about her job as Academy Manager and Internship Coordinator for Childsplay's Theatre Academy. Some of her favorite roles have been here at Places! playing Dragon in *Shrek the Musical*, Tituba in *Crucible*, and then Lady in Brown in *For Colored Girls...* at ASU. When she's not performing, Brianna can be found exploring the outdoors with her husband Justin, designing a graphic for something, or learning a new instrument.

**Susan Houston** (Costume Designer) would like to thank the Board of Places! for the opportunity to design the costumes for *Les Mis* and *Little Match Girl*. As costume designer for the Places! debut production, *Annie*, she has watched the little orphans grow into stellar characters in *Les Mis* and *Little Match Girl*. Susan's credits with Places! include Costume Designer for *The Crucible* and *The Diary of Anne Frank* and costume coordinator for *Shrek* and *Beauty and The Beast*. Before Places!, Susan designed for various youth theatres across the valley. Her favorite productions are *Les Misérables, School Edition* (Arizoni recipient 2007-2008), *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Arizoni Nomination 2008-2009), *Little Women*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Cinderella*, and *Charlotte's Web*, her costume design debut. Susan wants to thank our amazing sewing volunteers, and our families for investing your very best in the Places! community.

**Lillian Jacobs** (Lighting Designer) loves any opportunity to join the oh so talented humans of Places Productions! Lilly lives in Yuma, Arizona and is the Technical Production Supervisor at the Yuma Art Center. She is currently working on their 2023 Dinner Theatre Production, *Native Gardens!* She has been mainly involved backstage except for a few attempts at acting roles such as Shelby in *Steel Magnolias* and Rikki Tickey in *Don't Tell Mother*. These experiences, while wonderful, only confirmed that home was behind the board. This summer, Lilly has plans to pursue her Master of Theatre Studies in Production and Design in 2023.

**Tim Mills** is a proud Assistant Director of Places! Productions! His assistant directing credits with Places! include *Annie Jr.*, *Aladdin Jr.*, *Hairspray Jr.*, *The Happiest Place on Earth*, *GTK Footloose*, *Shrek the Musical*, the short film *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *We Will Rock You*, and *Legally Blonde Jr.* Before Places! he co-directed *Annie* and *Bye Bye Birdie* at his school. His Directing credits include the one-act Play *Remember Me* and the Musical *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* He has enjoyed being a part of Places! since the beginning! "Enjoy this amazing Cast and Musical!"

**Lily Saba** (Choreographer) is so excited to be returning as a Choreographer for Places! Productions. Lily is a freshman at Arizona State University. She was recently seen as Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde*, Amy March in *Little Women* and Babette in *Beauty and the Beast*. She was also head choreographer for *Rock and Roll Forever* with Places! Productions. Some of her favorite roles she has played were Miss Hannigan in *Annie*, Sandra in *All Shook Up*, and Penny Pingleton in *Hairspray*. When she's not on stage she is frequently seen photographing ASU sports. She would like to thank Allison and the Places! Team for the opportunity to choreograph *Les Mis* and be a part of this amazing show!

**Allison Zuccaro** (Director/Music Director) is the Founding Artistic Director of Places! Productions. She graduated from ASU in 2012 with a BM in Music Theatre and Minor in Justice Studies and performed as a member of Actors' Equity Association before deciding her heart was truly in teaching and directing. Over the last 20 years, she performed in over 30 productions and has now directed nearly as many. She is currently the performing arts instructor at East Valley High School and runs a private voice studio in Queen Creek. She thanks the amazingly talented *Les Mis* cast and crew, the Places! Board, all of our incredible volunteers, her brilliant parents, her supportive husband John, YOU for supporting the arts, and Liz Rhodes, who, for the last 15 years, encouraged Allison to pursue her dreams and believed in her more than she ever believed in herself.