



Cast Bios

Claire Alexander (Mother- Senior Cast) is an actor, singer, and musician. She has been performing since she was 3, and she's loved being on stage ever since. Some of her favorite roles include the Genie in *Aladdin*, the Baroness in *The Sound of Music*, and Maleficent in *Virtually Ever After*. Claire is excited to be performing at Places! this year and looking forward to future shows!

Ayden Armbrust (First Girl- Senior Cast) is a 13-year-old 8th grader at South Valley Junior High. She is so excited to be a part of her 1st Places! production. Her past roles include Ensemble: *Elf* (EVCT), Ghost Pirate: *Sleepy Hollow* (EVCT), Erato: *Xanadu* (EVCT), Darzee: *Rikki Tikki Tavi* (EVCT), Dunya: *Anastasia* (EVCT), Boisrenard: *3 Musketeers* (EVCT), Moving Chair: *Beauty and the Beast* (EVCT), City Woman: *Yes Virginia There Is A Santa Claus* (EVCT) and Lioness: *Lion King Junior* (EVCT). She thanks the cast and crew for all their hard work and everyone at Places! for giving her this opportunity.

Westley Armbrust (Herald- Senior Cast) is a 17-year-old senior at Mesquite High School. This is his Places! debut, and he is so excited to be a part of this production. His past roles include Buddy in *Elf* (EVCT), Ichabod Crane in *Sleepy Hollow* (EVCT), Soldier/Congregation in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (VYT), Aphrodite in *Xanadu* (EVCT), Gleb Vaganov in *Anastasia* (EVCT), D'Artagnan in *3 Musketeers* (EVCT), Grasp in *Beauty and the Beast* (EVCT) and Postman in *Yes Virginia There is a Santa Claus* (EVCT). He thanks the cast and crew for all their hard work and everyone at Places! for giving him this opportunity.

Griffin Avery (Prince- Mini Cast) is a thirteen-year-old homeschooled eighth grader. This is Griffin's fourth production with Places! He previously starred as Edmund in *Narnia*, Pugsley in *The Addams Family*, Bert in *Mary Poppins*, Young Simba in *The Lion King Jr.*, and Drake in *Annie*. In addition to theater, Griffin participated in NATS Vocal Competition this year placing 2nd in the Cal-West Region for both Musical Theater and Classical Music and will advance to the National round. Outside the arts, Griffin loves playing soccer and video games with his friends!

Naomi Avery (Joy- Mini Cast) is a nine-year-old homeschooled fourth grader. This is Naomi's fourth production with Places! Naomi got her start in theater as an orphan in *Annie* at six years old and previously starred as Michael Banks in *Mary Poppins!* Other favorite credits include Owl in *Narnia*, Vannie in *We are Monsters*, and Queen Titania in *The Little Mermaid*. In addition to theater, Naomi participated in NATS Vocal Competition this year receiving an Honorable Mention in the Cal-West Region for Commercial Music and will advance to the National round. Outside the arts, Naomi enjoys horseback riding, playing volleyball and loves spending time with her friends.

Jolee Casey (Stepmother- Junior Cast) is a 16-year-old sophomore at Higley High School. She has been acting for 2 years now. Some of her favorite credits include Jovie in *Elf Jr* and Calliope in *Xanadu Jr* at EVCT. She would like to thank all of her family and friends for always supporting her.

Ava Chiappetta (Portia- Junior Cast) is a sophomore at Gilbert High School. She is in advanced choir and AYT's Off the Cuff improv. Some of her favorite roles include Grandma (*The Addams Family*-Places! Productions), Mrs. Peacock (*Clue-Limelight* Zoni nominated), Mrs. Millenium (*Urinetown*-Places! Productions), Mrs. Brill (*Mary Poppins Jr*-Places! Productions), Madame Thenardier (*Les Miserables*-Limelight), Denise (*Play That Goes Wrong*-NYA award and Zoni nominated Limelight), Pumbaa (*The Lion King Jr*-Zoni nominated Limelight), Miss Hannigan (*Annie Jr*-Mesa Encore), and Georgi (*Miss Nelson is Missing*-Zoni nominated (Limelight)). Ava is thrilled to be playing one of the stepsisters! She would like to thank the production team for the opportunity!

Georgia Cleveland (Studious Sister- Senior Cast) is so excited to be joining Places! Productions again for *Cinderella*. She has been with Places! since she was in 2nd grade and is now a sophomore at Williams Field High School . Some of her favorite shows she has been in include *Little Mermaid*, *Shrek*, and *Bye Bye Birdie*.When Georgia is not doing a musical, she enjoys dancing. Georgia would like to thank her mom for always being there for her and helping her to pursue all the activities she loves.

Grace Csuy (Milkmaid- Mini Cast) is an 11-year-old bundle of creativity and joy, currently thriving in the fifth grade at Self Development Academy. She has a passion for dancing, singing, and expressing herself through beautiful handmade jewelry and arts and crafts. Her love for K-pop keeps her dancing to catchy beats, and she dreams of shining on stage. This year is extra special for Grace as she embarks on her first-ever musical journey, joining the cast of *Cinderella*! With her excitement and natural flair for performance, she's ready to bring a little magic to the stage. Keep an eye out for this rising star—she's just getting started!

Lacey Davis (Mean Sister- Mini Cast) This is Lacey's 5th performance with Places! Productions. She has performed in *At The Bandstand*, *Mary Poppins*, *We Are Monsters*, & *Narnia*, as well as in the show choir, Ping. She would like to thank the cast and crew for putting effort into the show. To her Dad for helping, her mom for helping her sing, Elise for playing with her, Lance for playing games, & Kayla makeup tips. "Thank you all for coming!"

Sathvika Deshpande (Daughter- Mini Cast) is a third grade student at Basis School in Mesa. She loves drawing, listening to music, and watching her iPad. She has participated in singing Indian classical music, performed in several piano recitals, and was part of her school's play *Annie*. Sathvika is excited to bring the magic of *Cinderella* to life on stage and hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Zack Desmangles (Herald- Junior Cast) is more than excited to perform his third show at Places! Productions. He was seen recently as Peter in *Narnia* and Senator Fipp in *Urinetown*. While he has done shows with Places!, the majority of his shows were done at State 48 Theatre Company, where he played in many musicals such as *Dracula; an Original Musical* (Quincy Morris), *Guys and Dolls* (Nicely Nicely Johnson), and his favorite, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* (Ephraim Pontipee). In his off time, Zack enjoys songwriting and playing many instruments, supporting his church Sun Valley by being a worship leader, and he also enjoys playing video games and hanging out with his friends and family. He would like to thank the amazing cast for supporting him since his arrival at Places!, and he would also like to thank his director Breona for making this experience more than enjoyable.

Scarlett Freehan (Stepmother- Mini Cast) loves to sing, do theater, read, and sew!! She is 13 and in 8th grade! She is homeschooled and goes to an enrichment program for homeschooled kids! This is Scarlett's 4th play with Places! Productions!! She has been in *At The Bandstand* (as Darlene Worthington) in the summer of 2023, she was also in *Mary Poppins* (as Mrs. Brill) in the fall of 2023, and was in the play *We are Monsters* (as KC) in the summer of 2024! She also took a theater class one year at Eagleridge which helped her develop her love for acting!! She would like to thank Mrs. Allison, Miss Abby, and Lizzie for all their hard work to put this play together!

Jaden Freehan (Trumpeter- Mini Cast) loves to play sports, read, and play with friends!! He is 10 years old and in 5th grade. He is homeschooled and goes to The Eagleridge Enrichment Program for homeschooled kids. This is Jaden's 2nd with Places! He was also in *Mary Poppins* in the Fall of 2023 as Mr. Northbrook! He would like to thank Mrs. Allison and Miss Abby for all their help with the play. He would also like to thank his sister Scarlett for getting him interested in theater, and a huge thanks to all his family for all of their love and support.

Lindsay French (Chef- Senior Cast), 16, is a junior at Higley High School. Some of her favorite roles are Karen in *Mean Girls High School Version*, Higley High School; Iris Kelly in *Fame Jr*, Actor's Youth Theater; and a swing in *Urinetown*, Places! Productions. In her free time she is on the varsity pom team at her school and is the National All American Jr. Teen Miss Mesa and will be competing for Arizona this summer. She would like to thank Allison and the directors for the opportunity in this production.

Danielle Fritz (Mother- Junior Cast) is a high school sophomore, honors student, and has several years of experience in color/winter guard, performing at half-time shows and for competitions across the valley. She loves public speaking, singing and dancing and is excited about her first performance with Places! Productions.

Sylvia Fuller (Portia- Senior Cast) is thrilled to be making her Places! debut as Portia in *Cinderella!* Some of her favorite past roles include Marty in *Grease* and Katherine Howard in *Six*. She would like to thank her family, friends, and the entire cast and crew for their support and encouragement. "Enjoy the show!"

Maren Green (Stepmother- Senior Cast) is thrilled to be making her community theater debut as the Stepmother in the Senior Cast of *Cinderella!* She has starred in several school musicals, including *Mamma Mia!* as Sophie and *Seussical* as Gertrude, both at Red Mountain High School. She would like to thank her family, friends, and dog Maisy for their love and support in helping her reach this stage.

Olivia Haller (Joy- Senior Cast) is so excited to be in another Places! show, especially it being *Cinderella!* She is very excited to work with the cast and crew once again. Olivia has done Places! shows since the first show when she was in first grade, *Annie*, and now is a junior in high school! In her free time, you can find Olivia at work, with friends, at Places!, or sleeping. "I am so excited for this show and the other Places! shows to come!"

Charlotte Hover-Lashnits (Chef- Junior Cast) is thrilled to be back at Places! Productions. She is an 8th grader at Elite Performance Academy. Her favorite credits include *Sleepy Hollow* as the Shaman (EVCT), *White Christmas* as dance ensemble (ZAO theatre), and *Finding Nemo Jr.* as Peach (AYT). When not performing, Charlotte enjoys hanging out with friends and family and shopping. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Tanner Hutchinson (Trumpeter- Junior Cast) This is Tanner's 3rd show with Places! Productions. Previously, he played Thing/Rat in *The Addams Family* (2024) and George Banks in *Mary Poppins, Jr.* (2023-2024). He just finished a stint in the Children's Ensemble/Band in a collaboration of *The Music Man* with Seton Catholic Preparatory High School (2025). He is also a member of the Titan Drama Club, where he has performed as the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz* (2024), Linus in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (2023), Joseph in *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year* (2023), and Roman Soldier/Innkeeper in *A Journey to Bethlehem* (2022). He will be playing Cogsworth in *Beauty and the Beast* this spring (2025)... Theater is keeping him busy! In his spare time, Tanner enjoys everything Pokémon, training at D1 and reading. Tanner is very excited to be on stage again with Places! and is looking forward to future shows.

Ayden Iwan (Prince- Junior Cast) is very excited to be in Places! Production's production of *Cinderella!* Some of Ayden's past roles at Places! Productions include Marius (*Les Mis*), Gomez (*Addams Family*), and Bert (*Mary Poppins*). Ayden would like to thank the production team as well as the rest of the cast for making this production so fun and exciting!

Erin Johnson (Sloppy Sister- Junior Cast) is a sophomore at Heartwood Montessori and has been performing in youth theater for the past 5 years. Some notable roles she has had were in *Charlie Brown* (Sally), *SpongeBob the Musical* (Mayor of Bikini Bottom), *Junie B. Jones* (Camille), and *Percy Jackson the Musical* (Vienna Boy's Choir). Erin would like to thank her parents and grandparents for supporting her interests, Miss Allison for giving her this amazing opportunity, and Addie Beattie for inviting her into the Places! community.

Emily Johnson (Kid Sister- Junior Cast) attends Heartwood Montessori and has been performing in youth theater for the past 3 years. Some roles she has held were in *James and the Giant Peach* (little spider), *Matilda* (student), *Jack the Pumpkin King* (witch), and *Werewolf 3* (*We Are Monsters*). Emily would like to thank her parents for all of the love and support they've provided through her theater journey.

Mady King (Cinderella- Junior Cast) is excited to be a part of this amazing show! She loves performing with Places!, and her favorite credits include Places! Productions' *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Mary Poppins), *Addams Family* (Morticia), *Les Miserables* (Cosette), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Kim), and *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (Belle). In addition to musical theater, Mady enjoys being a part of Places! Productions Presto Show Choir. She sincerely thanks her family and the Places! Team for all their love and support!

Cecily Kinnaman (Queen- Mini Cast), 12, is royally excited to be commanding the stage as the Queen! This marks her seventh show with Places! Productions. When she's not ruling the kingdom onstage, Cecily enjoys practicing ballet and spending time with friends and family. She hopes you enjoy the show and remember...happy endings are always possible! Long live the Queen!

Eliza Kinnaman (Chef- Mini Cast), 7, is thrilled to be whipping up some fun as the Chef! This marks her fourth show with Places! Productions, and she's excited to bring some extra flavor to the royal kitchen. When she's not stirring up trouble on stage, Eliza can be found practicing ballet, playing volleyball or with her nose stuck in a book. She hopes you enjoy the show...and maybe learn a new recipe or two! Bon appétit!

Marliese Kinnaman (Princess- Mini Cast) (10) is delighted to be gracing the stage as the Norwegian Princess and a Maiden. This is her fourth show with Places! Productions. When she's not practicing her choreo, Marliese can be found practicing ballet, playing volleyball, or researching her next new Lego set. She hopes you enjoy the show and find a little bit of magic in every scene!

Neelan Kumar (Studious Sister- Junior Cast) was born in 2009 in Gilbert, Arizona and has lived in Mesa her whole life. She started taking voice lessons in August of 2017 and continued for 4 years. She then became interested in piano and began lessons in 2018 and continued taking lessons until 2021. Neelan is a student at BASIS Mesa and is currently learning the tenor saxophone in her band class. At school, she has been given many awards, such as citizenship and kindness certificates. Neelan joined NJHS in the 7th grade and became historian and parliamentarian of the organization in her 8th grade year. Neelan enjoys spending time with her family and friends, hiking, target shooting, and traveling. Neelan has visited many countries such as Italy, Switzerland, India, France, and Iran. Neelan joined Places! Productions in 2021 and has since been in *Pinkalicious*, *The Little Match Girl*, *Les Miserables*, *The Secret Garden*, *At The Bandstand*, *Mary Poppins*, *We Are Monsters*, and *The Addams Family*.

Owen Lauritzen (Dessert Chef- Mini Cast) is excited to join the cast of Cinderella Jr. as the Dessert Chef and as a Footman. Some of his recent roles were Vreddy the Vampire in *We Are Monsters* and Michael in *At the Bandstand*. He also participated in Ballet Etude's production of *The Nutcracker* as Fritz the past two years. He enjoys legos, audiobooks, & musical theater most of all. Owen is thankful for all of his directors and friends at Places! Productions.

Lucy Lawrence (Mouse- Mini Cast) At just five years old, Lucille is already a force to be reckoned with! A homeschooled preschooler, Lucy is in her third year of ballet and tap at The Dance Barn, and is a lover of all things sparkly. This is her first show with Places! Productions, and it may be the most fun she's ever had. Her affinity for playing dress up, making up stories, and orchestrating fun for her little brothers makes theatre a natural extension of her God-given interests. Lucy wants to say "Thank you so much, and I love you!" to Miss Abby, and to all her new friends (especially Cecily and Eliza), for filling this new experience with joy and guiding her along the way.

Danielle Lee (Queen- Junior Cast) is a senior at BASIS Mesa. Her favorite roles that she has been in at Places! include Mrs.Beaver in *Narnia*, Ancestor 4 in *The Addams Family*, and Mrs. Peterson in *Bye Bye Birdie*. At school, she has participated in their yearly K-12 musical. Last year, she played Mrs.Potts in *Beauty and the Beast* and now has the honor of playing Miss Honey in *Matilda* for her senior year. When not on stage, Danielle enjoys hanging with her friends, cooking, and driving, and she is working on writing a kids' jukebox musical for her school's senior project. She would love to thank the production team for organizing this amazing show as well as all of her friends supporting her throughout this, especially Bryce, one of her closest friends, for being a great scene partner. She hopes you enjoy this fun fairytale!

Kristianne Lood (First Girl- Junior Cast) is over the moon to perform in her first production at Places! She is a student at Highland High School and an avid lover of performing arts. Besides theatre, Kristianne also devotes herself to playing the flute and interviewing people around the Town of Gilbert with her mentor. Some of her favorite roles have been ensemble in Disney's *Frozen: The Broadway Musical*, Dragon in *Shrek the Musical JR.*, and Mrs. Jennings in Jane Austen's *Sense & Sensibility*; and she is incredibly grateful to include Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* as part of the mix!

Flowrence Persephone Malan-McDonald (Townsperson- Mini Cast), named after both Roman and Greek spring goddesses, is a force to be reckoned with. She is the third of six living children and since birth has made sure to make her voice heard. She is and has always been loud in every direction. She has studied various forms of dance with Ballet Etudes and The Dance Barn. With Ballet Etudes, she performed two seasons in *The Nutcracker* along with several annual showcase concerts. Flowrence has also been awarded scholarships to attend dance festivals for Dance and the Child International (daCi) in Holland, MI and Lublijana, Slovenia. In addition to these, she has attended at least 10 regional daCi dance festivals. She is a member of a Phoenix-based homeschool Shakespeare company and is performing in her first show with said company this spring. This is her second production with Places! and she is over the moon to get to participate in this production of *Cinderella* with her best friend and younger sister.

Eleanore Malan-McDonald (Little Girl- Mini Cast) was born singing and dancing. She spends her days performing to the soundtrack she creates in real time. She is the fourth daughter in a theatrical family of six living children. As the daughter of a college dance professor, she has grown up in the theatre and has spent more time laying marley flooring and in theatre catwalk spaces than most adults spend in their lives. She loves to climb and be in nature and when not in the theatre can usually be found in the top branches of a tree or maybe darting through the neighborhood on her well-loved roller skates. "Nora" is a member of the international dance organization, Dance and the Child International (daCi) and has attended regional festivals since birth. Further, she has been awarded scholarships to attend daCi dance festivals in Holland, MI and Lubljana, Slovenia. She has performed as a "doll" in Ballet Etudes 2022 production of *The Nutcracker* and is currently studying dance at The Dance Barn. This is her second production with Places! and she is so excited to participate in this production of *Cinderella*.

Kendal Martinez (Herald- Mini Cast) LOVES Places Productions! She truly enjoys everything about musical theater; singing, acting and dancing, the set and props, and the teamwork it takes to put a show together! She has been working hard on her roles as the Herald and Townsperson in the *Cinderella* Mini Cast, as well as a mouse in the Junior Cast. She has played Squirrel in *Narnia the Musical*, Tooth in *We Are Monsters*, Neleus in *Mary Poppins*, and a Sowerby/Crawford kid in *The Secret Garden*. She is also a member of Places! Production's Ping Show Choir. In addition, with the guidance of Allison Houston, Kendal has much success competing in NATS AZ, Regionals, and Nationals. Recently, she received 2nd place at Regionals in the Children's Classical Category and top 5 in the Musical Theater Category. Kendal would like to thank Mrs. Allison for her continued knowledge, guidance and support. You truly mean the world to her! And a big thank you to Miss Abby, Mrs. Breona, Mr Mills, Jackson and Miss Lizzie for making the spring musical so much fun!

Farrah McArthur (Cinderella- Mini Cast), age 12, is so excited to perform the role of “Cinderella” with her favorite youth theater group, Places! Productions. Farrah is a true lover of the classics so she is thrilled to partake in a show by musical theater legends, Rodgers and Hammerstein. Farrah most recently played the role of “Lucy Pevensie” in *Narnia* and “Mary Poppins” in *Mary Poppins Jr.* also with Places! Prior to that, notable roles have been “Oliver Twist” with Limelight and “Mary Lennox” in *The Secret Garden*, also with Places! Productions. You may have also seen her ripping it up in Places! show choir these past two years. In the past 2 years, she has won awards and accolades for her poem recitations (The Bard Competition) reciting verses from William Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as multiple singing competitions (NATS), often placing first in both categories of Classical and Musical Theater in the past three years. Most recently, she placed first at NATS Cal-West Regional Competition in both Classical and Musical Theater and 3rd in Contemporary Music. Farrah’s all-embracing love of the theater is easily witnessed in every rehearsal and performance. She would like to thank Allison Houston for her diligent voice coaching and continuous encouragement and her family members for their unwavering love and support.

Josephine McSpadden (Kid Sister- Mini Cast) is in the 4th grade at Gilbert Dual Language Elementary School. Josephine likes to act and tries to get into every theater program she can. She is even writing her own play with her friend! In her free time she likes to read, draw, and ride her bike. Some day she wishes to be a famous actor. This is Josephine's second play with Places!

Payten Moore (Mouse- Mini and Junior Casts) 8 years old! Is so excited to be back for her 3rd show with Places! She was in *We Are Monsters* and *Narnia!* She would like to thank all the Places! staff for making it fun and exciting to do!

Josie Poehls (Queen- Senior Cast) Is extremely excited to be back on stage with Places! Productions. She was recently seen in *Urinetown* at Places! and is in her second season of Presto. Josie is a senior at Perry High School; she is heavily involved in her choir program and, in 2024, she had the honor to represent her school at Arizona All State Show Choir!

Cora Redwitz (Little Girl- Junior Cast) is performing for the second time with Places! Productions. She was previously the Rabbit in *Narnia, the Musical*. Cora is so proud of being a part of *Cinderella* with Places! Productions. She has always loved theatre, music, and dance but several personal challenges made previous attempts at public performance overwhelming. Thanks to the understanding and supportive staff, parents, and performers at Places! Productions, however, she has been able to face her challenges, make good friends, and feel good about what she does. She now feels blessed to have found a safe and accepting environment to perform and call home. She hopes everyone enjoys *Cinderella* and its message because she was able to make something that felt impossible to her become a reality and she believes that others can do that too.

Izzy Redwitz (Godmother- Junior Cast) has loved being the Fairy Godmother in Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*! She has been in theater for four years and is always so grateful for the opportunity to perform with the wonderful casts and staff at Places! Some of her favorite roles include; the White Witch in *Narnia the Musical*, Alice in *The Addams Family*, Ensemble in *Les Miserables*, Josephine Strong in *Urinetown*, and Dean in *All Shook Up*. She would like to thank all the amazing people who made this show what it is and everyone who came to see it! And last, but not least, she hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Annie Richardson (Portia- Mini Cast) is an 11-year-old fifth grader who recently started homeschooling. Annie loves music and performing and has been having a blast preparing for her role as Portia! Annie's past performances include Valissa the Vampire in *We Are Monsters* with Places! Productions and several prior shows with Center Stage Academy. Outside of theater, Annie enjoys keeping her friends and family laughing! Annie would like to thank everyone at Places! for the opportunity, guidance and support, and growing friendships ❤️

Juliana Salaiz (Trumpeter- Senior Cast) has been doing theatre for almost 5 years. She has been in numerous plays such as *Addams Family*, *Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and many more! She enjoys hanging out with friends and playing the trumpet, in and out of school. Juliana is very blessed with her family and grateful for her wonderful parents and siblings!

Piper Searcy (Godmother- Senior Cast) has been in love with musical theater from a young age. She is so incredibly excited to be playing Godmother in *Cinderella*! She has been doing shows with Places! for almost three years now and couldn't have asked for a better experience! Some of her favorite performances are *Les Misérables*, *Urinetown*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, and now *Cinderella*! Outside of theater, Piper loves to bake and she loves learning French! She'd like to thank her friends and family for being so supportive of her passion!

Brielle Spears (Third Girl- Mini Cast) has been performing from a very young age. She started her training at Cincinnati Ballet and Reflexions Dance Arts. Upon moving back to the valley, she began training with Ballet Etudes, where she performed in three seasons of *The Nutcracker*. This year, Brielle decided to pursue her love for singing under the instruction of Danica Hill and is thrilled to be performing in her second musical with Places! Productions.

Maria Stallings (Godmother- Mini Cast) is in 7th grade and attends Legacy Traditional School in Chandler. She has been performing in local plays with Places! Productions, as well as her school, for the past few years. She also enjoys taking voice lessons with her teacher, Allison Houston. She loves performing on stage, acting, singing, and dancing. She has past performances in shows such as *The Velveteen Rabbit*, *Little Match Girl*, *The Lion King*, *Rock and Roll Forever*, *Frozen*, *We are Monsters*, *The Secret Garden* and *Mary Poppins*. She would like to thank her parents, Laura and Sean, her sister, Samara, and her grandparents, Charles and Beverly for their love and support.

Allie Weid (Cinderella- Senior Cast) is a junior at Desert Ridge High School. She is thrilled to be playing her first princess role and is so excited to bring the role of Cinderella to life on the MAC stage. Her favorite roles include Penelope Pennywise in *Urinetown*, Eponine in *Les Mis*, and *The Baker's Wife* in *Into the Woods*.

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Lizzie Baggelman (Mini Cast Choreographer) is thrilled to be making her debut with Places! Productions. After a five-year hiatus, she has had a whirlwind year returning to theater, choreographing *The Little Mermaid* at Desert Stages Theatre and *Elf Jr.* at Spotlight Youth Theatre. She is currently directing and choreographing *Winnie the Pooh Kids* at Chandler Youth Theater while also being a teaching artist across the Valley at TheaterWorks, Christian Youth Theater, and Phoenix Theatre. Lizzie is grateful to Allison for this incredible opportunity, to Abby for being such a welcoming and inspiring director, and to the Mini Cast, you all are such talented, kind kids. Break a leg!

Breona Conrad (Jr/Sr Director/Choreographer) is a multi-faceted theatre artist who can be found on stages, production teams, and as a teaching artist in classrooms all over the valley. She is thrilled to be working with Places! for the third time after last choreographing *Urinetown* and directing *Addams Family*. Notable Arizona Credits include *Private Lives* (Sybil, Don Bluth Front Row, Zoni Award) and *Complete Works...* (Southwest Shakespeare, BroadwayWorld Award). Past performance credits include: *Much Ado* (Beatrice), *Midsummer* (Puck), and *As You Like It* (Phoebe), *Comedy of Errors* (Dromio E., Flagstaff Shakes.), *Taming of the Shrew* (Kate, Ronin), *Steel Magnolias* (Truvy, Don Bluth), and *American Idiot* (Whatsername, Stray Cat).

Abby Gordon (Mini Director) is ecstatic to have the opportunity to direct the mini cast of *Cinderella*! She was most recently seen on the Places! stage as Shelby in *Steel Magnolias*, Little Becky Two-Shoes in *Urinetown*, and Martha in *The Secret Garden*. Her most notable production credits include Director (*Rock & Roll Forever*), Assistant Director (*Narnia, We Are Monsters*), and Stage Manager (*At The Bandstand, Bye Bye Birdie*). She would like to thank Allison, Breona, Jackson, and Mills for being the most supportive creative team, and the incredibly talented Mini Cast!

Tim Mills is a proud Assistant Director for Places! Productions. He is also a junior high teacher at LFPA-Gilbert where he also helps with Musical Theatre. This is his second time directing with the upbeat Breona Conrad. His assistant directing credits with Places! before *Cinderella* include *Annie Jr., Aladdin Jr., Hairspray Jr., The Happiest Place on Earth, Footloose, Shrek the Musical*, the short film *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, We Will Rock You, Legally Blonde Jr., Les Miserables, Bye Bye Birdie, Mary Poppins Jr., The Addams Family* and *Narnia the Musical*. His Places! 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, and watching the theatre grow and having the privilege to work with such fine young actors! A big Thank You to all Casts for your efforts and desire to grow into even better performers! Thank you to our audiences for supporting the Arts and Places! Enjoy the Shows!

Allison Zuccaro (Music Director) is the Founding Artistic Director of Places! Productions, about to enter its 10th anniversary! 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. She currently runs an award-winning private voice studio in Queen Creek and directs Places! Productions' show choir. Between performing and directing, she has now worked on over 100 shows. She thanks the amazingly talented *Cinderella* cast, crew, and production team, Abby and Mills for holding down the fort in her absence, the Places! Board, all of our incredible volunteers and donors, her brilliant parents, her supportive husband John and sweet baby Zoe, YOU for supporting the arts, and Liz Rhodes, who encouraged Allison to pursue her dreams and believed in her more than she ever believed in herself.