



CAST BIOS

Ayden Armbrust (BIRD GIRL 2- YOUTH OPENING) is a 15-year-old freshman at Mesquite High School. She is so excited to be in this production! Some of her favorite past roles include *Frozen Jr*: Anna (EVCT), *James and the Giant Peach*: Earthworm (EVCT), *Jukebox Time Machine*: Madonna, Avril Lavigne (Places! Productions), *Cinderella*: Shy Maiden (Places! Productions), *Alice In Wonderland*: Gryphon (EVCT), *Sleepy Hollow*: Ghost Pirate (EVCT), *Xanadu Jr*: Erato (EVCT), and *Rikki Tikki Tavi*: Darzee (EVCT). She's grateful to the cast and crew for all their hard work, everyone at Places! for this incredible opportunity, and especially her brother Westley for sparking her love of theatre, cheering her on, and helping her get to this point.

Griffin Avery (HORTON- YOUTH OPENING) is excited to return to Places! Productions for *Seussical*! He previously starred as Charlie Bucket in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and Peter Cratchit in *A Christmas Carol* with Hale Theatre Arizona. Other credits include: *Cinderella* (Prince); *Narnia* (Edmund); *The Addams Family* (Pugsley); *Mary Poppins* (Bert); *The Lion King Jr.* (Young Simba). Special thanks to his voice teacher, Allison Houston, and his parents for their encouragement and support.

Naomi Avery (WICKERSHAM 3- YOUTH OPENING) is so excited to perform in her 7th show with Places! Productions. Naomi got her start in theater at six years old, playing an orphan in *Annie*, and recently made her professional theatre debut in *A Christmas Carol* with Hale Theatre Arizona. Other favorite credits include: *Cinderella* (Stepsister Joy); *Mary Poppins* (Michael Banks); *Jukebox Time Machine* (Roxy); *We are Monsters* (Vanny). In addition to

theater, Naomi enjoys singing, playing guitar, horseback riding, volleyball and spending time with friends.

Addie Beattie (SOUR KANGAROO- YOUTH OPENING) is excited to be back at Places! Productions where she has been a part of amazing shows such as *Les Mis* and *The Addams Family*. Addie is seventeen years old and is a junior in high school. She is thrilled to play Sour Kangaroo, especially with her little cousin as Baby Kangaroo. She would like to thank everyone on the directing team for making this an incredible show and experience!

Acelina Blitz (SNEECH/WHO- YOUTH CLOSING) is thrilled to be part of *Seussical*. Her past performances with Places! Productions include *Kam D. Cain*, *Cinderella*, and *Jukebox Time Machine*. She loves performing and is grateful for the opportunities Places! has given her. Acelina's hobbies include playing Minecraft and learning about dinosaurs. In her free time, Acelina enjoys horseback riding, piano, and voice lessons. Acelina looks forward to performing with Places! Productions in the future.

Adalia Blitz (THE GRINCH- YOUTH CLOSING) has a free, creative spirit. She spends her free time reading, playing piano, and taking voice lessons. Adalia is also a passionate volunteer, working with children for the past seven years. Past musical performances include *Nightmare Before Christmas* (ensemble), *Grease* (Sheila), and most recently *Kam D. Cain* (Cupid). She can't wait to be in future shows.

Lesia Blitz (WHO 5- YOUTH CLOSING) is thrilled to be part of *Seussical*. Her past performances with Places! Productions include *Kam D. Cain*, *Cinderella*, and *Jukebox Time Machine*. She loves performing and is grateful for the opportunities Places! has given her. Lesia's hobbies include piano and voice lessons, and most recently, horseback riding. Lesia looks forward to performing with Places! Productions in the future.

Jolee Casey (MRS. MAYOR- YOUTH CLOSING) is currently a junior at Higley High School. Some of her favorite roles include Aquata in *The Little Mermaid* (HHS), Elsa in *Frozen Jr.* (EVCT), and Stepmother in *Cinderella Youth Edition* (Places! Productions). While she is an actor, she also enjoys working behind the scenes in costuming. She has done costumes for shows such as *The Little Mermaid* and *Junie B Jones Jr!* She would like to give a big thank you to all of her friends and family for their endless support!

Ava Chiappetta (SOUR KANGAROO- YOUTH CLOSING) is a junior at Gilbert High School, where she performs in both the school choir and the Places! Productions show choir. Her favorite past roles include Snoopy (*You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* – Limelight), Portia (*Cinderella* – Places! Productions), Grandma (*The Addams Family* – Places! Productions), Mrs. Peacock (*Clue* – Limelight, Zoni nomination), Madame Thénardier (*Les Misérables* – Limelight), Denise (*The Play That Goes Wrong* – Limelight, Zoni nomination and NYA Award), Pumbaa (*The Lion King Jr.* – Limelight, Zoni nomination), Miss Hannigan (*Annie Jr.* – Mesa Encore), and Georgi (*Miss Nelson Is Missing* – Limelight, Zoni nomination). Ava would like to thank Breona and Allison for the opportunity to bring such a fun character to life in the world of Dr. Seuss.

Grace Csuy (WHO 1/MARSHAL- YOUTH CLOSING), age 12, has been involved in musical productions at her church for seven years and with Places! Productions for the past two. Her stage credits include *Cinderella*, *Jukebox Time Machine*, *Kam D. Cain: the Elf on Broadway*, and she is currently appearing in *Seussical*. In addition to performing, Grace studies both voice and piano, continuing to develop her musical skills. She is grateful for the many friendships she has formed through theater and looks forward to many more years of performing on stage.

Aidan Dame (WICKERSHAM 1- YOUTH CLOSING) is excited to be back for his third show with Places! He previously was Bobby Darin in *Jukebox* and Eugene in *Grease*. He's also played Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast*, The Wizard in *The Wizard of Oz*, and Leroy in *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in other productions. He loves sharing the stage with his friends and performing for others. He'd like to thank his family for their support and God for these opportunities.

Elise Davis (WHO 5- COMMUNITY CAST) This is Elise's 2nd performance with Places! She is excited to be a part of the *Seussical* cast. She loves the animals & Seuss characters. She wants to thank Mr. Joseph for teaching all the hard moves, Mr. Mills for always being at the door to greet her, Ms. Breona for having the time to teach and do this play, Ms. Allison for helping with the set & having a lot of energy for everyone, Daddy for being strong and playing with her, Mommy for making food and helping her grow into a good person, Kayla for sleepovers, Lance for playing video games, Luke for good hugs and good talks, and Lacey for her fun energy.

Lacey Davis (YOUNG KANGAROO- COMMUNITY CAST) This is Lacey's 7th performance with Places!. She has been in *At The Bandstand*, *Mary Poppins*, *We Are Monsters*, *Narnia*, *Cinderella*, *Kam D. Cain*, as well as in their show choir, Ping. She has also performed in *Wizard of Oz*, *Beauty & The Beast*, & *Annie Jr* with another company. She wants to thank her Mom for being at all the performances, helping her with growing her love for singing. She also wants to thank Mr. Joseph for teaching all the fun and hard dance moves that makes her sweat, Ms. Breona for bringing so much energy, Mr. Mills for always being at the door with a funny joke to start the day, Jackson for putting effort into the set, Ms. Allison for all the organizing work, and Bailey for drawing the set design. She hopes you all enjoy the performance!!

Jayden Desmangles (MR. MAYOR- YOUTH OPENING) is 14 years old and lives in Gilbert, Arizona. He is thrilled to have joined Places! Productions in his debut performance with the company. Previously, he has performed with State 48 Theatre Company in shows such as *Shrek Jr.* (Pinocchio), *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Linus), *Phineas & Ferb* (Buford). He is excited to be on stage again with his brother, Zack! Jayden would like to thank his parents and the Places! directors for their support and for this opportunity.

Kristyn DeWitt-Whipple (WHO 2- YOUTH OPENING) is excited to be part of *Seussical* once again! This marks her third time performing in *Seussical*, previously appearing in productions with Inspire and Center Stage Academy. Her past theater credits also include *Aladdin* and *Beauty and the Beast* with Center Stage Academy, along with various summer

theater camps. Kristyn plays the flute in her Jr. High band and also enjoys playing the piano and ukulele. She is currently in her fourth season of show choir with the Places! Productions. She would like to thank her amazing parenting team and sisters for being her biggest fans.

Leah Dodge (WHO 3- COMMUNITY CAST) is excited to join *Seussical TYA* after a short break from performing. This is her third production with Places!, and she is happy to be working with so many familiar faces. As always, she would like to thank her family for their support, especially her son, who lets her listen to rehearsal tracks on repeat for months.

Emma Douglas (WHO 1/WHO 4/MARSHAL- COMMUNITY CAST) is excited to return to the Places! Productions stage! Her previous credits include Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, Matilda in *Matilda*, Jane Banks in *Mary Poppins*, and Lucy Pevensie in *Narnia*. She is so grateful for the support from her family and her friends.

Penny Ellis (BIRD GIRL 4- YOUTH CLOSING) is a 14-year-old freshman at Higley High School. She is thrilled to be making her Places! Production debut in *Seussical TYA*! Favorite past credits include Lucille in *Junie B. Jones Jr.* (Higley High School), Spider in *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* (EVCT), White Rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland* (EVCT), and the Woman in White in *Sleepy Hollow* (EVCT, AriZoni award nomination). At school, she is a part of thespian troupe #6907. When not on stage, she enjoys doing makeup, singing, and playing guitar. She is thankful for her parents, sister, and best friend Ayden for their endless support.

Brianna Fallon (SOUR KANGAROO- COMMUNITY CAST) 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 jobs as Academy Manager of Childsplay's Theatre Academy and the Artistic Director of Mesa Encore Theatre. Some of her favorite roles have been Dragon in *Shrek the Musical*, Pennywise in *Urinetown*, and Lady in Brown in *For Colored Girls....* She loves Places! Productions and has been involved with several productions as a performer, director, music director, vocal coach, and more! Thank you to Breona, Allison, and Joseph for all of your work and this fun and special show! 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.

Danielle Fritz (MOTHER GOOSE/WHO- YOUTH OPENING) is excited to be back for her third Places! Productions performance. She takes dance classes and loves to sing. She enjoys public speaking and presented at Highland High' School's Tedx event as well as competing in debate club competitions.

Sylvia Fuller (BIRD GIRL 1- YOUTH CLOSING) is beyond thrilled to be playing a Bird Girl in Places! Productions' *Seussical TYA*! She enjoys singing, dancing, and acting, especially in school, where she participates in intermediate dance. Some of her favorite past roles include Marty in *Grease*, Lucy in *13 the Musical*, and Katherine Howard in *Six*. She wants to thank her dad, mom, brothers, and best friend for always motivating and supporting her.

Eli Greenberg (JOJO- YOUTH CLOSING) is excited to be participating in his first show with Places! Productions. He enjoys being active in the Arizona youth theatre community as he develops his musical theatre craft. He has worked with Limelight Performing Arts in shows such as *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (Rowley), *Grease* (Doody), *Annie* (Rooster) and *Newsies* (Davey). Also with Chandler Youth Theatre in *Willy Wonka* (Grandpa Joe), *Finding Nemo* (Bruce & Crush), *Addams Family* (Pugsley), *Mean Girls* (Glenn Coco), *Matilda* (Bruce), *James and the Giant Peach* (James) and in *Frozen* (Olaf). Most recently, Eli had the wonderful experience of performing on the George Lopez Show, Lopez vs. Lopez on NBC, in a speaking guest role. In his free time, Eli loves spending time with friends and enjoys being a 7th grader at Bogle Middle School. He is also really into building Legos and brunching.

Charlotte Harris (BIRD GIRL 3- YOUTH CLOSING) is so excited to be a part of *Seussical* for her first show with Places! Productions. Some of her favorite roles include Bulda in *Frozen Jr.* (East Valley Children's Theatre), Veruca Salt in *Willy Wonka Jr.* (Actor's Youth Theatre), Catherine of Aragon in *Six: Teen Edition* (Limelight Performing Arts), and Annie in *Annie Jr.* (Queen Creek Performing Arts Center). Other recent appearances include *James and the Giant Peach*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *The Underground Adventures of a Carrot & Potato* (EVCT); and *A Christmas Carol* (Hale Centre Theatre). Charlotte is a freshman at Highland High School. She's grateful for everyone who continues to support her love of theatre!

Madison Hibner (WHO 1/MARSHAL- YOUTH OPENING) is thrilled to play a Who and the Marshal in *Seussical*! This is her second production, and she is having so much fun bringing the world of Dr. Seuss to life with her friends. "Thank you for coming; enjoy the show!!"

Hayley Homan (WHO 2- YOUTH CLOSING) has performed in Places' *We Are Monsters* and *Cinderella*. She loves reading fantasy fiction, playing DTI, and flexibility training/tumbling.

Nya Homan (WHO 3- YOUTH CLOSING) This is her debut into theater. She is a student at Khan World School and enjoys mountain biking, baking chocolate chip cookies and snuggling with her dog.

Ellanore Hough (TWEET MCFIRTH- YOUTH CLOSING) is overly delighted to be in *Seussical* as her fifth musical. And can't wait for further opportunities that follow. She loves and adores all of the theater community.

Tanner Hutchinson (MR. MAYOR- YOUTH CLOSING) This is Tanner's 5th show with Places! Previously he was in *Mary Poppins, Jr.* (George Banks), *Addams Family* (Thing/Rat), *Cinderella* (Palace Trumpeter, Footman and more) and *Grease* (Greaser, Featured Dancer). He has also performed with the Titan Drama Club including *Beauty and the Beast* (Cogsworth), *The Music Man* (Children's Ensemble), *The Wizard of Oz* (Scarecrow) and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Linus). Tanner is very excited to be a part of this cast and is looking forward to future shows.

Ayden Iwan (HORTON- YOUTH CLOSING) is excited to be playing Horton the Elephant in Places! Productions' performance of *Seussical*! Some of Ayden's past roles with Places! have

been Marius (*Les Mis*), Gomez (*The Addams Family*), Danny Zuko (*Grease*), Prince Charming (*Cinderella*), and Bert (*Mary Poppins*) Ayden would like to thank everyone who has made this into the amazingly fun show that it is!

Courtney Jacobs (MRS. MAYOR- COMMUNITY CAST) is delighted to play in her first show at Places! Productions. Favorite past roles include Amanda in the world premiere of *PRIVATE LIVES THE MUSICAL*, Lola in *DAMN YANKEES*, Violet in *9-5*, Angie in *THE PROM*, Sister Robert Anne in *NUNSENSE*, and Madame in *CINDERELLA*. Courtney has worked as a professional artist, grad school art instructor, piano teacher, and supermommy. Love to her family and friends for their support! www.courtneyjanejacobs.com.

Emily Johnson (WHO 3- YOUTH OPENING) attends Heartwood Montessori and has been performing in youth theater for the past 4 years. Some roles she has held were in *Cinderella* (Clumsy Maiden), *Narnia* (Evil), *We Are Monsters* (Werewolf), *Matilda* (Student) and *Jack the Pumpkin King* (Witch). Emily would like to thank her parents for all of the love and support they've provided through her theater journey.

Erin Johnson (MRS. MAYOR- YOUTH OPENING) is a junior in high school and has been performing for nearly seven years. Some roles she has played in the past are Sally in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, The Mayor in *SpongeBob: The Musical*, and The Sheriff in *Robin Hood*. Erin is glad to have this opportunity to be in *Seussical* and would like to thank all her friends who came to see the show and her parents.

Mady King (MAYZIE LA BIRD- YOUTH CLOSING) is excited to join the cast of *Seussical*! Her favorite credits include Places! Productions' *Grease* (Sandy), *Cinderella* (Cinderella), *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Mary Poppins), *Addams Family* (Morticia), and *Les Miserables* (Cosette). 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 (BIRD GIRL 4- YOUTH OPENING) is a 13-year-old who is so excited to jump into the colorful world of *Seussical* as a Bird Girl! Some of her favorite past roles include Cha-Cha in *Grease*, the Queen in *Cinderella*, Sunny in *We Are Monsters*, Judy in *At the Bandstand*, and Cruella de Vil in *101 Dalmatians*. When she's not at Places!, Cecily is usually at school, voice lessons, dance, or using YouTube to teach herself new tricks. She would like to thank Miss Alison for helping her grow as a singer and actor, Joseph for inspiring her love of dance, Breona for making theater such a fun and welcoming place, and her parents for always cheering her on!

Eliza Kinnaman (JOJO- COMMUNITY CAST) is eight and in second grade, too,
At ASU Prep—she's quite clever, it's true!
She's thrilled to be Jojo (with thoughts BIG and small)
In *Seussical the Musical*—she's having a ball!

You may have seen her as Cruella (oh my!),
Or Little Anna with snow drifting by,
As Barb in *At the Bandstand*, or Piglet so sweet—

She's danced and she's sung from her head to her feet!

When not on the stage with a song or a flip,
She's tumbling and volleying—zip! zip! zip!
So sit back, lean in, and enjoy the whole show—
And watch Eliza's imagination grow!

Marliese Kinnaman (WHO 5- YOUTH OPENING)

Meet Marliese—she's eleven, that's true!
A fifth grader at ASU Prep, clever through and through.
She's popping from Whoville with sparkle and drive
As Who Solo Five in Seussical—high five!

She's sung and she's played some roles oh-so-fun:
Janice (At the Bandstand)—she rocked every one!
She's been Winnie the Pooh with a rumbly old tum,
A Norwegian Princess—quite royal and yum,
And Rafiki with wisdom (and lions galore!),
Sharing stories and songs and a mighty big roar.

When not on the stage with a song or a cue,
She's drawing, with friends, or volleyball-ing too!
With colored pencils and laughter and games in the sun,
Marliese keeps busy—and has lots of fun.

With smiles and with songs, she's happy to say—
Thanks, Allison, for helping her sing her best way!

Melinda Kinnaman (BIRD GIRL 2- COMMUNITY CAST)

Meet Melinda—oh yes, here she is!
As Bird Girl 2 with a flap and a fizz
In Seussical the Musical, bright and absurd,
With rhythm and rhyme and a love for the bird!

She's loved theater always, from curtain to cue,
But nerves said, "Not yet!"—so she waited... it's true.
Then she watched her three daughters light up every stage,
Cecily, Marliese, and Eliza (quite wise for their age!).

She's now played Mrs. Beaver (with wisdom and cheer)
In Narnia the Musical, cozy and dear,
And Miss Elle Tow too—alongside that Broadway-y elf!
In Kam D. Cain—she surprised even herself!

She sends a big thank-you (with music and glee)
To Miss Allison—"You believed in me!"

For the push and the faith and the confidence too,
That helped make this theater dream finally come true.

And thanks to her husband—supporting each song,
Each rehearsal and moment, all season long.
And thanks to her daughters, who showed her the way—
By leading with courage, both on stage and offstage.

So here's to new starts and to daring to try—
For Melinda has learned: it's never too late to fly!

Owen Lauritzen (JOJO- YOUTH OPENING) (12yrs) is delighted to play the role of Jojo in *Seussical*. Most recently he performed the role of Fritz in Ballet Etude's production of *The Nutcracker*. Previous roles include Desert Chef (*Cinderella Jr.*), Vreddy the Vampire (*We Are Monsters*), and Michael (*At the Bandstand*). He enjoys puzzles, audiobooks, & musical theater most of all. Owen is thankful for all of his directors and friends at Places! Productions.

Oliver Lauritzen (ELEPHANT BIRD- YOUTH OPENING) (3) is thrilled to follow in his big brother's footsteps and make his stage debut as the Elephant Bird! He would like to thank Griffin Avery for being his buddy on and off stage!

Ben Lawrence (VLAD VLADIKOFF- COMMUNITY CAST) is a husband to his wife Victoria and a father to three little ones. He is a graphic designer/communications manager for a local church, and he also has a freelance marketing and brand consultation business called 252 Creative Solutions. He pastors a weekly young adults ministry, hosts a podcast, and writes! It's been said that while most people only talk about what they want to do, Ben just does it. Sadly, he also plays Fortnite (have pity on him; he's an aging gamer).

Lucy Lawrence (ELEPHANT BIRD/WHO- COMMUNITY CAST) is a six-year-old homeschooled kindergartener. This is her second show with Places!, having performed as a mouse in *Cinderella* last year, but getting to be in *Seussical* alongside her Daddy is a whole new kind of special! She is enjoying her first season with Ping, her fourth year of dance classes at The Dance Barn, and finding new opportunities to choose bravery. When she's not performing, she can usually be found playing make believe, listening to a story, or loving on her little brothers. She would like to thank everyone at Places! for their kindness, patience, and friendship!

Alyssa Maggio (MOTHER GOOSE/WHO- YOUTH CLOSING) is thrilled to be making her theatrical debut in this production of *Seussical*. When not on stage, she enjoys crafts and socializing with her friends. Alyssa would like to thank the director and cast for this amazing opportunity, as well as her family for their constant support. She hopes you enjoy the show and remember that "a person's a person, no matter how small".

Kendal Martinez (WHO/SWING- YOUTH OPENING) LIVES for theater! This fall, she played Narrator #1 in QCPAC's *Jungle Book* and ensemble in *Matilda Jr.* She has also enjoyed

playing several roles at Places! Productions; The Herald in *Cinderella*, Squirrel in *Narnia the Musical*, Tooth in *We Are Monsters*, Nelius in *Mary Poppins* and a Sowerby/Crawford Kid in *The Secret Garden*. She is also a member of Places! Productions' Pep. Kendal loves everything musical theater from singing, acting and dancing to the set and props! Kendal would like to thank Mrs. Allison for her continued knowledge, guidance and support. And a big thank you to Mrs. Breona, Mr Joseph, Miss Abby, and Mr Mills for making the spring musical so much fun!

Farrah McArthur (MAYZIE LA BIRD- YOUTH OPENING) (Age 13) is thrilled to take on the role of Mayzie in Places! Productions *Seussical TYA*. Farrah's recent stage credits with Places! include Kam in Dante X Johnsons original work *Kam D. Cain*, Cinderella in *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella*, Lucy Pevensie in *Narnia*, and Mary Poppins in *Mary Poppins Jr*. Prior to that, she portrayed Oliver Twist in Limelight's *Oliver* and Mary Lennox in *The Secret Garden* with Places! Her dynamic stage presence has also lit up the Places! Show Choir for the past three years. A passionate vocal competitor, Farrah has been a standout in the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competitions for the past four years. This year she placed 1st in all three categories (Classical, Musical Theater and Commercial) for State and placed 1st in Classical and 3rd in Commercial at Regionals in San Jose. Farrah's boundless love for theater shines through in every rehearsal and performance. She extends heartfelt thanks to Allison Houston for her dedicated voice coaching and unwavering encouragement, and to her family for their constant love and support.

Tegan McGrail (GERTRUDE MCFUZZ- YOUTH CLOSING) is a 17-year-old homeschooled student in Mesa. This is her second production with Places! Productions. She was most recently seen as Frenchy in *Grease* here at Places! Productions, and Sharpay in *High School Musical* at Chandler Youth Theatre. Other past favorite roles include Wednesday Addams in *The Addams Family Young at Part* at Spark Performing Arts, and Martha Dunnstock in *Heathers* at Chandler Youth Theater. When she's not performing, she loves singing & songwriting, playing the ukulele and piano, hanging out with her friends, and playing with her dog, Indie. She's so excited to play the role of Gertrude and would like to thank the whole team for this opportunity!

Gemma Murphy (WHO 4- YOUTH OPENING AND CLOSING) is so excited to be a part of her very first mainstage performance in *Seussical the Musical!* When she's not in a theatre camp or alongside her parents at their own show rehearsals, Gemma enjoys pottery, puppet making, drawing, and reading. She has been a student at Fluid Martial Arts for 3 years where she practices judo, jiu jitsu, and kickboxing. "Thanks to all my friends for supporting me in this show!"

Scarlette Nuno (BIRD GIRL 3- YOUTH OPENING) is 16 years old. She is a junior at Red Mountain High School. Some of her favorite roles include Patty Simcox in *Grease* and Dragon in *Shrek*.

Charleigh Quinn (SNEECH/WHO- COMMUNITY CAST) is so excited to be doing *Seussical* with Places! Her past roles include Pabbie (*Frozen*) and Jr. Ensemble in *Big Fish*. In her free time, Charleigh enjoys doing gymnastics, creating plays, and playing the piano

Dallas Quinn (SNEECH/WHO- COMMUNITY CAST) is excited to be making his theater debut with his mom and sister in *Seussical!* He watched them in *Big Fish* and really wanted to be a part of it, so here he is in his first show!

Jessy Quinn (YERTLE THE TURTLE- COMMUNITY CAST) is very excited to be in *Seussical* with her children! Jessy's past roles include Ethel in *FOOTLOOSE*, Follie Ensemble in *CRAZY FOR YOU*, and Jenny Hill in *BIG FISH*. When not at the theater, you can find Jessy with her guitar at various open mics throughout the valley where she performs covers as well as original music. She has loved her time at Places! Production and hopes to do more shows with them in the future!

Cora Redwitz (WHO 2- COMMUNITY CAST) is excited to be able to perform in another Places! Productions musical. This will be her 4th show with Places!, having been in *Narnia, The Musical*; *Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella Jr*; and *Jukebox Time Machine* over the last year. She also performed as Roxie in *Jukebox Time Machine, the Holiday Version*, and as July in a production of *Annie Jr.* at two different elementary schools. Cora thanks her fellow cast members and friends for their support and has enjoyed the time together with her friends and Mom, who is also in the show with her. She loves *Seussical* and hopes you will enjoy watching it as much as she has enjoyed being in it.

Jennifer Redwitz (MR. MAYOR- COMMUNITY CAST) would like to thank all of the Places! Productions staff and volunteers for making this show a possibility! She loves the experience of performing with her children on stage and watching her children grow, learn, and thrive through rehearsals and performances. Jennifer first started performing as a teenager in a number of shows through her high school. Since that time, however, she turned her focus away from theatre and towards a career in Mental Health. Jennifer finds that acting and performance is not only therapeutic for her and her children but also a wonderful way to cultivate empathy and resilience, which are both important skills in her professional field. She is grateful to her two children also because their love for the performing arts has brought it back into her life as well. Jennifer also thanks her husband, who has been one of her biggest fans and supporters through the years. The first time Jennifer performed as an adult was in *Narnia the Musical*, during the winter of 2024. She is so excited to be a part of *Seussical* as well so that she can share the playfulness, creativity, lessons, and joy of Dr. Seuss with others.

Cecilia Riter (YERTLE THE TURTLE- YOUTH CLOSING) is 8th grader at Desert Ridge Junior High. This is her 13th show. Previous shows include *Frozen*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Xanadu* and so much more. She is thrilled to be part of the *Seussical* cast!

Addison Roundy (THE GRINCH/MOTHER GOOSE/WHO- COMMUNITY CAST) is 16 years old and a junior at Gilbert Classical Academy. When she is not performing, she loves teaching classes at the dance studio, crafts, puzzles, and boating with friends and family. Some of Addison's favorite productions include *SIX the Musical* (Limelight) as Anna of Cleves, *The Little Mermaid* (Limelight) as Scuttle, and *Seussical* (Limelight) as Cat in the Hat.

Addison is so thankful to all the directors and choreographers that helped put this amazing production together!

Daxton Rushing (ELEPHANT BIRD/WHO- YOUTH CLOSING) This is Daxton's first time performing in a musical, and he has loved it! He has enjoyed getting to join his sister on stage. For years, during school music performances, audience members would come up to him afterwards and tell him he should try theater—so, he finally went for it! He would like to thank his friends and family for cheering him on and encouraging him to try new things.

Evalee Rushing (YOUNG KANGAROO- YOUTH CLOSING) has been performing the moment she could walk and talk. The stage is her favorite place to be, and she couldn't be more thrilled to join the cast of *Seussical TYA*. She would like to thank her mom for helping her learn the dances, her vocal coach for teaching her how to reach those high notes, Places! Productions for being her home away from home, and her friends and family for always encouraging her to be herself!

Oakley Smith (YOUNG KANGAROO- YOUTH OPENING) is 9 years old and a 4th grader from Mesa. Having previously performed in productions like *Madagascar Jr.* and *Frozen Jr.*, with other youth theaters in the valley, she is thrilled to be in her first production with Places! Oakley is grateful for the opportunity to work with all of the wonderful Places! directors.

Maria Stallings (WICKERSHAM 3- YOUTH CLOSING) is an 8th grade student at Legacy Traditional School-Chandler. She is active and participates in voice lessons, local and regional singing competitions, and local theater productions at school and with Places! Productions. Maria has competed in numerous local and regional singing competitions and has performed in theatrical roles in performances of *The Lion King*, *Frozen*, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, *Little Match Girl*, *Rock N' Roll Forever*, *We Are Monsters*, *The Secret Garden*, *Mary Poppins* and *Cinderella*. Maria would like to thank her family for their love and support.

Nadia Stone (WICKERSHAM 3- COMMUNITY CAST) is thrilled to be stepping into theatre for the first time! She is excited to develop and learn about the world of performing arts and hopes to continue on in more shows in the future.

Breanna Versaevel (WICKERSHAM 2- YOUTH CLOSING) is an 8th grader who loves theater and singing. Growing up, she trained in dance and learned to play the violin. She's recently been learning to play ukulele and piano. Bre is excited to “monkey around” with Places! Productions for the first time as a Wickersham Brother. Past shows include *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* and *Addams Family Young at Part*. Bre is thankful to the Places! directors for this opportunity and looking forward to more shows!

Kade Wallace (CAT IN THE HAT- YOUTH CLOSING) is a fourteen year old, homeschooled eighth grader. He is so excited to be playing the Cat in the Hat! He was previously seen in *Kam D. Cain* as Vixen and Jack and in *Willy Wonka Jr.* as Grandpa Joe. Kade is a 2nd degree black belt in American Kenpo Karate and is on the EMK All Stars team. In his downtime, you will find him playing chess with his friends and going on adventures with his family. He

thanks Breona, Allison, Joseph and everyone at Places! for this opportunity! "Enjoy the show!"

Shayla Wallace (TWEET MCFIRTH- COMMUNITY CAST) is excited to be making her Places! Productions debut in this performance of *Seussical*. She has previously performed in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (Father Christmas), *The Mesa Easter Pageant: Jesus the Christ* (Family Cast), *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (Ensemble), and *Tuck Everlasting* (Ensemble). When not rehearsing, Shayla raises Bernedoodle puppies. She would like to thank the production team of *Seussical* for all their hard work in making this show possible!

Carter Waller (WICKERSHAM 2- YOUTH OPENING), 14, is a ninth-grade student at Highland High School and is in his second year with Places! Productions. Originally from Montana, Carter has performed in several productions, including Simba and Rafiki in *The Lion King Jr.*, Peter Pan in *Peter Pan Jr.*, Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, Aladdin in *Aladdin Jr.*, and Carlos in *Descendants*.

With Places! Productions, he previously appeared as Edmund in *Narnia*. Carter is grateful for the opportunity to continue pursuing his passion for musical theater and would like to thank the directors for their hard work, as well as his family for their continued support.

Eislee Waller (TWEET MCFIRTH- YOUTH OPENING), 10, is a fourth-grade student at Gateway Pointe Elementary. Originally from Montana, Eislee has performed in the ensemble of several productions, including *Peter Pan Jr.*, *Aladdin Jr.*, *Descendants*, and *The Lion King Jr.* She is currently playing Nigel in Gateway Pointe Elementary's *Finding Nemo Jr.* This is Eislee's second production with Places! Productions; her first was *Narnia*. She would like to thank all of the staff and directors, as well as her family, for their continued support.

Zoe Zuccaro (Elephant Bird) makes her stage debut at 18 months! When not on stage, she enjoys watching Miss Rachel, building blocks, going to the park, eating pasta, and shopping at Target. She would like to thank her dad for passing down his charm and charisma, Aunt Kelly, Uncle Jimmy, Mhamo, Pop Z, Grandmama, and Papa for hanging out with her when mama is in rehearsal, her adorable double, Oliver, for being ready to jump in should this whole "going on stage thing" not work out, and Breona, Joseph, and Mills for this opportunity.

CREATIVE TEAM BIOS

Breona Conrad (DIRECTOR) is thrilled to be on her 4th creative team with Places! A multi-faceted theatre maker who can be found on stages, production teams, and in classrooms all over the valley, Breona received her Bachelor in Musical Theatre Performance from Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne in 2008. Before moving to Arizona in 2013, Breona toured the country first with Know Theatre of Cincinnati's national tour *Calculus: the Musical!* in 2009 and then again from 2011-2013. During her break from "Calculus...", Breona was a part of 2 east coast tours with Madcap Puppet Theatre: *Annie Oakley's Wild West Show* and *Jack and the Gentle Giant*. When not onstage, Breona works as a Teaching Artist through ASU Gammage, East Valley Children's Theatre and as a freelance Arts Integration Teaching Artist for learners of all ages. Some of her favorite performance

credits include *FB Player (Forbidden Broadway, Phoenix Theatre Company)*, *Whatsername (American Idiot, Stray Cat Theatre)* and *Puck (A Midsummer... Southwest Shakespeare)*. She is a Zoni Award (*Sybil, Private Lives, Don Bluth Front Row Theatre*) and BroadwayWorld Award (*Complete Works of William Shakespeare...abridged, Southwest Shakespeare*) winning actress with a passion for Shakespeare, Musical Theatre...and dogs.

Tim Mills (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR) 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. His assistant directing credits with Places! before *Seussical* 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, Narnia the Musical, Cinderella, and Grease*. 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, celebrating 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 *Seussical* cast, crew, and production team, 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 always encouraged Allison to pursue her dreams.