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MUSICAL NUMBERS

Belle

Belle (Reprise)

Home

Home (Tag)

Gaston

Gaston (Reprise)

Be Our Guest

Something There

Human Again

Beauty and the Beast

The Mob Song

Home (Reprise)

Finale

Creative Team

PRODUCER/MUSIC DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER: Allison Houston Zuccaro

SENIOR CAST DIRECTOR: Tim Mills

JUNIOR CAST DIRECTOR: Kasey Ray

SENIOR CAST "GASTON" CHOREOGRAPHERS: Rachel Espericueta, Lily Saba,
and Kayla Stillman

SENIOR CAST "BE OUR GUEST" CHOREOGRAPHER: Rachel Espericueta

JUNIOR CAST CHOREOGRAPHER: Cassidy Spencer

JUNIOR CAST ASST. DIRECTOR: Alyssa Ray

INTERNS & DANCE CAPTAINS: Abby Gordon, Lily Saba, and Kayla Stillman



SENIOR CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

NARRATOR 1: Marguerite Durma

NARRATOR 2: Milla Schooley

NARRATOR 3: Ava Haller

NARRATOR 4: Daynon Vaness

BELLE: Izzy Cons

MAURICE: Alec Gordon

BEAST/PRINCE: Dante Johnson

GASTON: Jackson Wood

LEFOU: Sarah Chandler

SILLY GIRL 1: Addley Read

SILLY GIRL 2: Teja Trepte

SILLY GIRL 3: Ava Saba

LUMIERE: Abby Gordon

COGSWORTH: Steven Cook

MRS. POTTS: Olivia Dostal

BABETTE: Lily Saba

MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE: Kayla Stillman

CHIP: Savannah Bell

OLD BEGGAR WOMAN/ENCHANTRESS:
Aliyah Asher

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE: Daynon Vaness

WOLVES/FEATURED DANCERS

Aliyah Asher, Montanna Coil, Peyton Pietroricca, Ava Saba, Lily Saba, Teja Trepte

VILLAGER SOLOS

ARISTOCRATIC LADY: Montanna Coil

FISH MAN: Daynon Vaness

EGG MAN: Kayla Stillman

SAUSAGE CURL GIRL: Ava Haller

BAKER: Ana'Jae Simms

LADY WITH CANE: Milla Schooley

LADY WITH BABY: Lily Saba

CANDLE MAN: Abby Gordon

HAT SELLER: Steven Cook

MILKMAID: Marguerite Durma

SHEPHERD BOY: Steven Cook

BOOKSELLER: Genesis Simms

BUTCHER: Olivia Dostal

VILLAGER 1: Montanna Coil

VILLAGER 2: Peyton Pietroricca

VILLAGER 3: Aliyah Asher

A MOTHER: Milla Schooley

MALE VILLAGER: Daynon Vaness

FEMALE VILLAGER: Montanna Coil

VILLAGER LINE: Daynon Vaness

STATUE: Daynon Vaness

SILVERWARE/VILLAGERS

Aliyah Asher, Sarah Chandler, Montanna Coil, Marguerite Durma, Ava Haller, Peyton Pietroricca, Addley Read, Ava Saba, Milla Schooley, Teja Trepte, Daynon Vaness, Jackson Wood

PLATES/VILLAGERS

Addley Read, Milla Schooley, Ana'Jae Simms, Genesis Simms

TEACUPS

Collette Etchamendy, Alysia McCoy, Samuel Trudelle

JUNIOR CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

NARRATOR 1: Gracie Cook

NARRATOR 2: Cassie Winslow

NARRATOR 3: Sariyah Flynn

NARRATOR 4: Camden Toms

BELLE: Mady King

MAURICE: Owen Fisk

BEAST/PRINCE: Gabriel Sandoval

GASTON: Corbin Vaness

LEFOU: Molly Kesner

SILLY GIRL 1: Mackenzie Wallace

SILLY GIRL 2: Hayley Christesson

SILLY GIRL 3: Molly Plenn

LUMIERE: Olivia Haller

COGSWORTH: Ashton Churchill

MRS. POTTS: Isabelle Etchamendy

BABETTE: Olivia Kesner

MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE: Isabella Ortiz

CHIP: Alysia McCoy

OLD BEGGAR WOMAN/ENCHANTRESS:
Teagan Schooley

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE: Michael Sandoval

WOLVES/FEATURED DANCERS

Kya Bess, Hayley Christesson, Chloe Kesner,
Alysia McCoy, Teagan Schooley

VILLAGER SOLOS

ARISTOCRATIC LADY : Chloe Kesner

FISH MAN: Camden Toms

EGG MAN : Camden Toms

SAUSAGE CURL GIRL: Rylee Schuman

BAKER: Zoe Nicholas

LADY WITH CANE: Sariyah Flynn

LADY WITH BABY: Brooklin Tinsley

CANDLE MAN: Kya Bess

HAT SELLER: Alexis Ortiz

MILKMAID: Collette Etchamendy

SHEPHERD BOY: Josiah Gross

BOOKSELLER: Cora Reed

BUTCHER: Teagan Schooley

VILLAGER: Vivianne Gomez

VILLAGER: Abby Kesner

VILLAGER: Cora Reed

A MOTHER: Abby Kesner

MALE VILLAGER: Michael Sandoval

FEMALE VILLAGER: Cora Reed

VILLAGER LINE: Harmony Rodriguez
Sanchez

STATUE: Michael Sandoval

SILVERWARE/VILLAGERS

Kya Bess, Hayley Christesson, Gracie Cook,
Sariyah Flynn, Vivianne Gomez, Abby
Kesner, Chole Kesner, Molly Plenn, Cora
Read, Harmony Rodriguez Sanchez, Teagan
Schooley, Camden Toms, Cassie Winslow

PLATES/VILLAGERS

Alexis Ortiz, Michael Sandoval, Brooklin
Tinsley, Mackenzie Wallace

TEA CUPS/VILLAGERS

Grayson Bell, Rhett Coil, Collette
Etchamendy, Inara Evangelista, Serene
Evangelista, Josiah Gross, Zoe Nicholas,
Mary Sandoval, Rylee Schuman

MEET THE CAST

SENIOR CAST:

Savannah Bell (Chip) is so excited to be participating in her first production with Places! Productions. She is in third grade, almost fourth. She loves drawing and writing stories. When she grows up she wants to be a Veterinarian. Savannah wants to thank the directors and her castmates for making this such a fun and exciting experience!

Sarah Chandler (Lefou), age 14, is delighted to play Lefou in *Beauty And The Beast Jr.* She has been in three musicals and two short films with Places! Productions, as well as performing with Presto! for the last few years. Her most exciting roles were Geography Teacher (*Harmony High*), Belle (*Happiest Place On Earth*), and Pig #1 and Knight #1 (*Shrek TYA*). Sarah loves to sing and act in her free time. Sarah thanks her family, friends, the rest of the cast, Tim Mills, and Allison Houston.

Izzy Cons (Belle) is beyond excited to be playing Belle in this production of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Izzy has been doing theater for 8 years. She has played Rusty in *Footloose*, Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, and many more! Izzy is so proud of this amazing cast and how they've grown. Izzy would like to thank the directors, this cast, and everyone who has supported this production. So please, enjoy the show!

Steven Cook (Cogsworth) has been with places for about two years and did *Footloose* in 2019! At school, he participates in dance class and musical theater. He also participates in the after school Cheer and Elite Dance Teams! He is so excited for this show and grateful for this opportunity and this cast.

Olivia Dostal (Mrs. Potts), a (soon to be) senior at Chandler Preparatory Academy is excited to be playing Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast Jr!* Olivia has been performing for 8 years with favorite roles including Margot Frank in *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Places! Productions) and Cinderella in *Into the Woods* (Actors Youth Theater). She enjoys painting, photography, and reading in her free time. She would like to thank Mr. Mills, Allison Houston, and her friends and family for their support!

Marguerite Durma (Narrator1) is 16 years old, and is excited to be making her Places Productions debut in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Some of her past credits include *Footloose Jr*, *Into the Woods*, *Les Mis*, *Newsies*, *42nd St*, *Addams Family Jr*, *Lion King Jr*, *Annie*, and *Legally Blonde*. She would like to thank her family and friends for coming to see her perform. Thank you also to Ms. Houston, Mr. Mills, and the dance captains for supporting her and giving her the opportunity to perform.

Abby Gordon (Lumiere), a sophomore at ASU, is thrilled to return to the stage with Places! Her favorite past roles include Hamlet (*The Complete Works of William Shakespeare: Abridged*), Mary (*It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*), and most recently, Humpty Dumpty (*Shrek the Musical*). Abby has also been an assistant director for Places!' productions of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Our Originals*, as well as writing and directing her first short film *Wishing* which premiered in February. She thanks Mills, Allison, and the whole cast and crew of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* for another incredible opportunity!

Alec Gordon (Maurice), a senior at BASIS Mesa, is thrilled to make his official Places! debut! His past roles consist of Adam in *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)* and the Sailor in *The Good Doctor*. He thanks Allison, Mr. Mills, and the whole cast and crew of Beauty and the Beast for this incredible opportunity!

Ava Haller (Silverware/Villager) has grown up with Places! Productions. This is her 7th performance, following roles in *Annie* (Molly), *Aladdin*, *The Happiest Place on Earth*, *At the Bandstand!* (Cindy), *Footloose*, and *Shrek* (Teen Fiona, Raggedy Anne). Ava is a freshman at American Leadership Academy, where she sings in the choir.

Dante Johnson (Beast) sings, dances, and plays guitar with Places!' Presto and was most recently seen in Places' *Shrek* (Donkey) and *Remember Me* by Olivia Dostal. He is so excited and would like to wish everyone a great time. "Enjoy the show!"

Peyton Pietroricca (Wolf, Silverware/Villager) is 16 years old and will be a Senior at LFPA Gilbert next year. Peyton loves to dance and is no stranger to the stage. She has been performing with LFPA since 2014 and performed in *Aladdin Jr*, *Hairspray Jr.*, and *Footloose* with Places! Productions. Peyton is also a cheerleader and attends EVIT for Cosmetology. She loves working with Places! and looks forward to many more shows with them.

Addley Read (Silly Girl 1) has loved performing since she was 6 years old. Her performances included landing a small role in *The Wizard of Oz* and in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Over time, her passion for singing evolved while being involved in choirs during school. She continued to perform in a variety of ways, including getting the opportunity to play Jetsam in *The Little Mermaid*. While this was her first experience receiving a role, the nerves naturally disappeared on stage. As time passed, Addley focused on her passion for singing during highschool but still pursued her love for acting by being involved in show choir. This allowed her to come to the realization that musicals continued to interest her. Addley's experience with musicals has just begun, though she's excited for more opportunities along the way to continue to develop her passion for them.

Ava Saba (Silly Girl 3, Wolf) is in 10th grade at Perry High School. She fell in love with being on stage at a young age. She was most recently seen as Fiona in *Shrek* with Places! Productions. Some of her favorite shows she's been in are *Lion King*, *All Shook Up* and *42nd Street* with AYT and *Matilda* with Valley Youth Theatre. She is excited to be back on stage with Places! Productions and wants to thank Allison and Mr. Mills for always believing in her and pushing her out of her comfort zone.

Lily Saba (Babette, Wolf) is a 2021 graduate of Williams Field High School. 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 enjoys photography and hanging out with her friends. She plans to attend college in the fall to study Nursing. She would like to thank Allison and Mr. Mills for always pushing her out of her comfort zone and encouraging her to try new things!

Ana'Jae Simms (Plate/Villager) is 15 years old, a Junior attending East Valley High School. She has done gymnastics starting at the age of 9. Her hobbies are reading, painting, and swimming. She also enjoys spending the majority of her time with her pets. She has attended theater classes starting in the 7th grade. She would like to give a special thanks to her mother and everyone who helped put the *Beauty and the Beast* play together.

Kayla Stillman (Madame de la Grande Bouche) is very excited to play Madame de la Grande Bouche. She is a 3rd year student at Arizona State University studying Special Education and Elementary Education. Her favorite roles include Anne Frank in *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Places! Productions), Rusty in *Footloose* (Places! Productions) and Tessie in *Annie* (ABT). Kayla would like to thank Allison, Mr. Mills, Rachel, Cassidy, Kasey, and Alyssa for the opportunities to be a leader and all their countless hours and hard work towards this show! Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

Daynon Vaness (Narrator 4, Monsieur D'arque) has previously worked on different shows like *Legally Blonde* where he played Aaron Schultz. This is not Daynon's first time working with Places! Productions. He was in two separate *Aladdin* shows; one with places and one without.

JUNIOR CAST:

Grayson Bell (Teacup/Villager) is excited to be participating in his first production with Places! Productions. Grayson is 6 years old and going into 2nd grade. He loves playing with friends and making up adventure stories. He has had so much fun learning the songs and dances for *Beauty and the Beast* and can't wait to do more shows!

Kya Bess (Wolf, Silverware/Villager) is an 11 year old dancer who attended *Shrek the Musical* by Places! Productions and decided she wanted to audition for *Beauty and the Beast*. Kya is going into her third season as a Competitive HipHop dance team member. She was previously on a performance team with her dance studio and has been taking recreational dance classes since the age of 3. Kya is also very active in her school. She is an Executive Board Member of Student Council and plays the Violin in her school's Orchestra. With any free time she enjoys socializing and shopping with friends!

Hayley Christesson (Silly Girl 2, Wolf) is a 6th grader at Learning Foundation and Performing Arts. Previous roles include the role of Nancy in LFPA's production of *Oliver Twist*, as well as the role of Junior in Places! Productions' production of *Harmony High* and Duloc in *Shrek*. One of her favorite roles was Charlie in LFPA's production of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*.

Gracie Cook (Narrator 1) is a 11 year old that attends LFPA. She enjoys acting and hanging out with friends! Gracie's past performances have been Dorothy in *The Wizard Of Oz* (LFPA), Duloc in *Shrek The Musical* (Places! Productions), and Gracie in *Elves In The Shoemaker* (LFPA). She is grateful that she got to

be part of this wonderful experience. Gracie would like to thank her family for always supporting her in her performing! She would also like to thank The entire cast and crew! Enjoy the show!!!

Isabelle Etchamendy (Mrs. Potts), 14 has been with Places! Productions since 2016. She has had the honor of having roles in *Annie*, *Aladdin*, *Disney Medley* and now *Beauty and the Beast* as Mrs Potts. Isabelle is very grateful for Mrs Zuccaro's opportunities for musical theater roles. The whole Etchamendy family absolutely loves "Miss Houston" and her infectious laughter.

Collette Etchamendy (Teacup/Villager), 10 has had the honor of musical theater roles with Places! alongside her sister Isabelle. Collette is featured as a teacup and a milkmaid in *Beauty and the Beast*. Thank you "Miss Houston " for being such a big and joyous part of our lives.

Inara Evangelista (Teacup/Villager), 9-years-old, will be going into the 5th grade and this is her first performance. Off the stage, she's a martial arts practitioner in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Karate. She is also learning Korean as a 2nd language. She loves K-Pop, Pokemon, and her ambitions are to act, sing, and one day become a rock star. She would like to thank her parents, younger sister, and family members for their love and support.

Serene Evangelista (Teacup/Villager), 8-years-old, will be going into the 4th grade and this is her first performance. Off the stage, she practices martial arts in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Karate. She is also learning Korean as a 2nd language. Her favorite musical group is BlackPink and she is passionate about arts, crafts, design, and building things. She would like to thank her parents, older sister, and family members for their love and support.

Owen Fisk (Maurice) is going to be a freshman in high school. Owen loves theater and has been in several shows throughout the Phoenix area. Some favorites include *Singing in the Rain* (PCA), *Bugsy Malone* (AYT), *Our Town* and *Beauty and the Beast* at Zao Theater. Owen would like to thank Places! Productions for this opportunity and for their hard work in putting this show together. Enjoy!

Vivianne Gomez (Silverware/Villager) is thrilled to join Places! Productions in her first show with the company. In prior years Vivianne had roles in *Pinocchio* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* at LFPA. After her first experience with theater she discovered her voice and loved acting! Her next role she had a solo performance. Vivianne enjoys drawing, video games, and skating.

Olivia Haller (Lumiere), a seventh-grader at American Leadership Academy, has spent most of her life on stage. This is her sixth Places! performance, following roles in *Annie*, *At the Bandstand!*, *The Happiest Place on Earth*, *Harmony High*, *Alice in Wonderland* (March Hare), and *Shrek* (Duloc, Dancing Rat). Olivia also sings and dances in the Presto! show choir. When not performing, Olivia likes to paint and exercise.

Abby Kesner (Silverware/Villager) is pleased to be in her 6th musical and loves playing the part of 3 characters and would like to thank all of the people who helped make this musical happen. She has

enjoyed the practices and rehearsals and loves to perform. Abby enjoys fish, surfing, reading, art and crafting. She is 12 years old and desires to someday work at a pet store or practice as an artist.

Chloe Kesner (Wolf, Silverware/Villager) is thrilled to be performing in this year's musical. She loves choreography! She is very excited to be a featured dancing wolf in this year's production. Chloe also loves to sing! One of her favorite songs from *Beauty and the Beast* is Be Our Guest! She has performed in 5 musicals and has enjoyed every production. Chloe enjoys working with her mom and she also has a passion for babysitting. Chloe wants to give a BIG Thank you to Mr. Kacey, Ms. Allison and Ms. Alyssa. Thank you to everyone else who made this show possible.

Molly Kesner (Lefou) is so excited to play the part of Lefou in this year's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Molly just finished 8th grade and has been in several other musicals. This is her first time acting for Places! Productions and it has been a fun experience for her! Molly's favorite type of music is Christian contemporary. Other than performing in *Beauty and The Beast Jr*, her favorite musical is *Madagascar Jr*. When she is older, her goal is to receive a performing arts degree! Molly would love to thank all of the people who made this musical possible!

Olivia Kesner (Babette) is very excited to be playing the role of Babette. This is her 6th musical, but by far, her favorite! Olivia enjoys dancing, the ocean, skateboarding, and loves animals, especially dogs and horses. She loves being part of Places! Productions and can't wait to participate in future productions. She would love to give a special thanks to Kasey, Allison, Alyssa, and Cassidy for working with her and making this play possible. She would also like to thank her dog "Koa", who has faithfully "watched" (slept) as she has practiced at home.

Madeleine King (Belle) has been performing with Places! since the beginning where she played an orphan in *Annie Jr*. Favorite credits include, Places! Productions' *Shrek the Musical* (Baby Bear) and *Type One* (Girl) and LFPA's *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (Veruca). In addition to Musical Theater Mady enjoyed being a part of Places! Productions, PING Performance group. She sincerely thanks the Places! Team for all their love and support.

Alysia McCoy (Chip): Alysia is a 6th grade student at Greenfield Elementary School and is so excited to be performing in a Places! Productions summer show once again. She enjoys singing, dancing, playing Viola, TikTok and hanging out with friends. She's a member of her church choir, as well as Ping!, a Places! Productions singing and performance group. When she's not busy with the above mentioned activities, you can find her on a soccer field. She enjoys playing defense and plays on both indoor and outdoor soccer leagues. She would like to thank Allison, Kasey, Alyssa and Cassidy for one of the best and most fun shows yet!

Zoe Nicholas (Teacup/Silverware) is a 10-year-old model, actress, singer, and dancer. She has been in multiple musicals with Places! Productions. Zoe has been in a model/ talent magazine called Dear Arabella every month for almost 3 years, including a cover. She has walked in many Showcase the Arts

Beauty and Fashion Expos, as well as OnCentralPhoenix. She is an affiliate model for Lighthouse Styling and Jewelry and has been featured on the news with them. She also does pinup events as well as mermaid underwater photoshoots.

Alexis Ortiz (Plate/Villager) is a 7th grader and is excited to be in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Alexis has been performing for 7 years with favorite roles including the dodo bird in *Alice in Wonderland Jr* at LFPA and *At the Bandstand*, *Annie Jr.*, *Aladdin Jr.* and *Harmony High*, with Places! Productions. She loves to sing, draw and practice Jiu Jitsu. Alexis would like to thank her family for all their support!

Isabella Ortiz (Madame de la Grande Bouche), a 9th grader, has been enjoying the stage as a singer for 8 years! Some of her favorite roles include, *Seussical the Musical* (JoJo), LFPA's Productions of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (Veruca Salt), and *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* (March Hare.) Isabella also has performed with The Leading Tones and Energy dance team She enjoys volleyball, singing, and now paragliding. Isabella would like to thank her family for all their love and support!

Molly Plenn (Silly Girl 3) is an eighth grader and she is very excited to be a part of this show. She has performed in many other shows including *Annie Jr.*, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Addams Family* and *James and the Giant Peach*. She would like to thank her family for driving her around to rehearsal and putting up with all her singing. Enjoy the show!

Harmony Rodriguez Sanchez (Silverware/Villager), born originally in Puerto Rico, just finished 5th grade with honors at Archway Lincoln and is an upcoming Lincoln Prep 6th grader. She likes writing, photography, editing, reading, singing, art, and learning in general. In the past, Harmony participated in the Childsplay's production of *Mary Poppins: The Musical*. Accomplishments include multiple academic excellence recognitions, Spelling Bee winner (homeroom level) and surviving COVID-19 challenges! Harmony loves spending time with her family, especially her brother and also being a young aunt. She would like to thank her family for this fun opportunity!

Cora Read (Silverware/Villager) is 13 years old in 8th grade. She attends Learning Foundations and Performing Arts School located in Gilbert, AZ. She has been involved in music from a young age. This past year she participated in the Mid-Winter Show Case and performed in the musical *Seussical* at LFPA.

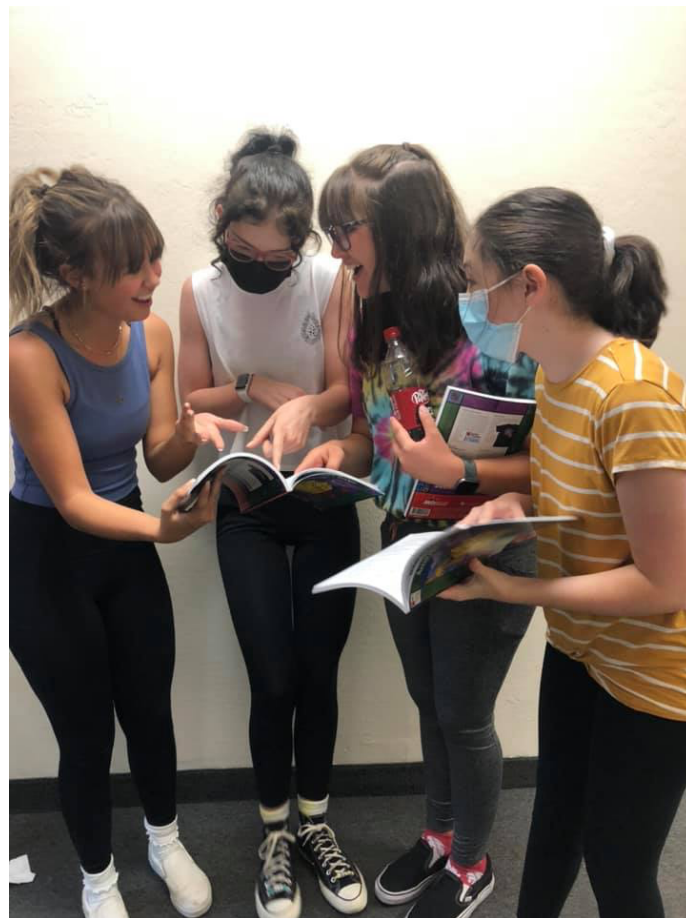
Rylee Schuman (Teacup/Villager) is 9 years old and a 3rd grader at Learning Foundation and Performing Arts. She has been a part of Places! Productions for a couple of years and has participated in the productions of *Happiest Place on Earth* as Tinkerbell, *Harmony High*, and *Shrek* as Little Shrek and Duloc. She loves singing, dancing, and acting, and also is active in gymnastics, cheer and baseball. She was proud to participate in the school spelling bee this year and is on the principal's honor roll at school. She is so excited to be a part of the amazing production of *Beauty and the Beast!*

Brooklin Tinsley (Plate/Villager) is 10 years old and just finished 4th grade. Her hobbies are drawing, singing, and dancing. Her accomplishments are getting all A's and B's, being in dance for 3 years, and

taking singing lessons for 4 months. Due to the pandemic, she has been homeschooling. She has one sibling. This will be Brooklin's first musical theatre performance.

Camden Toms (Silverware/Villager) is so grateful to be a part of the *Beauty and The Beast* production. He was recently a lead in *The Wizard of Oz* production at The Learning Foundation Warner Campus and The Learning Foundation school Showcase. Camden was also a lead in past plays. He was also a part of The Energy Dance Team. Camden will be attending The Learning Foundation Junior High for the 2021 school year. Camden enjoys dancing, singing, acting, watching movies, and volleyball. Camden would like to thank all of his family, friends, and all of his teachers. They have all been so supportive along the way.

Mackenzie Wallace (Silly Girl 1) is 11 years old and going into the 6th grade at LFPA charter school. She has been involved in musical theatre since the 2nd grade and loves it! She is also learning the Ukulele along with the Keyboard. Mackenzie is a cat-mom to a Russian Blue named Bailey. She is so grateful to be a part of such a talented group of kids and adults with Places! Production!!



PRODUCTION TEAM

LIGHT DESIGN: Lillian Morrill

LIGHT OPERATOR: Tristan Coil

LIGHT CREW/WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS: Sarah Chandler,
Tristan Coil, Owen Fisk, Gabriel Sandoval, Michael
Sandoval, Daynon Vaness

SOUND DESIGN: Jamie Lentine

SET CONSTRUCTION: Jack Houston and Josh Espericueta

COSTUME DESIGN: Allison Houston Zuccaro

PROP DESIGN: Alyssa Ray

PROGRAMS AND GRAPHIC DESIGN: Abby Gordon

ONLINE BOX OFFICE MANAGER: Kristie Asher

BOX OFFICE MANAGER: Susan Houston

CONCESSIONS COORDINATOR: Aspen Coil

HAIR AND MAKEUP: Aspen Coil

PHOTOGRAPHY: Lily Saba

MEET THE PRODUCTION TEAM

Rachel Espericueta (Senior Cast “Gaston” and “Be Our Guest” choreographer) has choreographed Places! Productions’ *At the Bandstand*, *Happiest Place on Earth*, and several numbers for Presto and Ping. Some of her past roles include Wicked Witch in *Shrek*, Teacher in *Type One*, Mrs. Van Daan (*The Diary of Anne Frank*), Serena (*Legally Blonde the Musical*), and Amber Von Tussle (*Hairspray*). Rachel would like to thank her husband, Dad, and kids for being her biggest support system. She would also like to thank Allison for giving her this opportunity, being a wonderful friend, and for always believing in her.

Allison Houston Zuccaro (Producer, Music Director, Choreographer, Costume Designer) is the Founding Artistic Director of Places! Productions. She graduated from ASU 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 *Beauty and the Beast* cast and crew, the Places! Board, all of our incredible parents and 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.

Tim Mills (Senior Cast Director) is very excited about directing this, his first musical, *Beauty and the Beast Jr!* He currently teaches middle school history at LFPA. With Places!, he directed *Remember Me*, assistant directed *Annie*, *Aladdin*, *Hairspray*, *Footloose*, and *Shrek*, and performed in *Two to Redeem* and *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Otto Frank). He would like to thank Dawn LeSueur for giving him his first Assistant Directing opportunity back in 2014 at Encore Arts Academy where they did *Annie*, then *Bye Bye Birdie*. He would like to thank the Senior Cast of *BATB* for their patience with him as he teetered this directing path, and mostly to Allison Houston-Zuccaro for confidently giving him this directing endeavor and other theatre opportunities over the past five years!

Lillian Morrill (Lighting Designer) has been working in technical theatre for 17 years, specifically lighting, sound, and set design. Lillian currently works at the Yuma Art Center and teaches Stage Lighting at Arizona Western College in Yuma, Az. Her students collaborated on the design for Places! production of *Shrek*. Recent projects include *Almost, Maine*, *Epic Proportions*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Lion King*, *Singing in the Rain*, and Lenin's *Embalmers*. Lillian is excited for the opportunity to work with such talented thespians and to be back making live theatre!

Alyssa Ray (Junior Cast Assistant Director) is thrilled to be working with Places! on her second show after previously working as stage manager for *Shrek the Musical*. She would like to thank Allison for this opportunity to work as an assistant director and her husband for always being a patient and understanding partner and director! She is so proud of the incredible work and dedication these students have put in to make this show a success.

Kasey Ray (Junior Cast Director) is so grateful for another opportunity to direct a show for Places! Productions. Previous credits include *Aladdin Jr.* (Assistant Director), *At the Bandstand* (Director), and *Harmony High* (Director). He wishes to thank Cassidy, Allison, and Alyssa for doing all of the actual work and allowing him to take all of the credit for it. Congrats to the whole cast on a wonderful show and thank you in the audience for supporting local theatre!

Cassidy Spencer (Junior Cast Choreographer) is excited to be choreographing the Junior version of this amazing show! She has done theater her entire life and loves nothing more than being on stage. Working with this cast has been an amazing experience, and she is so proud of their hard work!



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