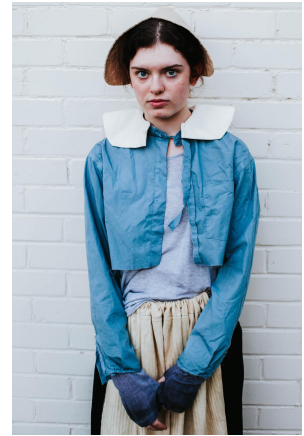


CRUCIBLE CAST BIOS



Kama Dickson (Rebecca Nurse) last appeared with Places! in the short film *Wishing* as Mrs. LuPone. When she isn't acting, she looks for opportunities to inspire, empower, and support others. Kama truly feels that we should all embrace our gifts and share them with the world. Kama sends much love and hugs to all her friends and family for their amazing support.

Olivia Dostal (Mercy Lewis), a senior at Chandler Preparatory Academy, is excited to be playing Mercy in *The Crucible!* 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 the direction team and her friends and family for their support!



Rachel Espericueta (Abigail Williams) is so excited to be playing Abigail in this production of *The Crucible!* Some of her past roles include: Wicked Witch in *Shrek the Musical*, Teacher in *Type One* and Mrs. Van Daan in *The Diary of Anne Frank*. When Rachel is not performing, she loves choreographing for Presto and Ping and other Places! shows. Rachel would like to thank her husband Josh, her dad Tony, and her kids Eve and Caleb for always believing in her and supporting her dreams. "Thank you Allison for this wonderful opportunity and a very special thank you to Hoyte for joining her in his first theatrical experience!"



Brianna Fallon (Titube), also known as Ms. Bri, is an actor, director, playwright, teaching artist, singer, and musician, and is constantly inspired by all of her students. She received her AA in Fine Arts with a focus on Theatre from MCC and has studied acting at Scottsdale Conservatory Theatre and the Megaw Actors studio. She is passionate about her job as Academy Manager and Internship Coordinator for Childsplay's Theatre Academy. Some of her favorite roles have been Dragon in *Shrek the Musical* TYA, Baloo in *Jungalbook*, and Lady in Brown in *For Colored Girls...* When she's not performing, Brianna can be found looking for waterfalls with her husband Justin, designing a graphic for something, or taking students to go see shows! Brianna is grateful for all of the lovely humans she has met and worked with at Places! Productions.



Abby Gordon (Mary Warren) a sophomore at ASU, is thrilled to return to the stage with Places! Her favorite past roles include Mary Bailey (*It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*), Humpty Dumpty (*Shrek the Musical*), and most recently, Lumiere (*Beauty and the Beast Jr.*). 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 Allison, Alyssa, and the whole cast and crew of *The Crucible* for the opportunity to be a part of such an incredible production!

Alec Gordon (Judge Hathorne), a senior at BASIS Mesa, is thrilled to be back with Places Productions for another show! His past roles consist of Adam in *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)*, the Sailor in *The Good Doctor*, and Maurice in *Beauty and the Beast*. He thanks Allison and the whole cast and crew of *The Crucible* for an incredible opportunity!

Lindsay French (Ruth Putnam) is an 8th grader at Learning Foundation and Performing Arts. She is excited to be in her 2nd production at Places! Productions. Her favorite roles include Mayzie LaBird in *Seussical Jr* (LFPA), Iris Kelly in *Fame Jr* (AYT), and the Acrobat in *Matilda* (AYT). In her spare time she enjoys dance and cheerleading. She would like to thank Allison for allowing her in this production and for being her voice teacher.

Wesley Houston (Hopkins) is one of our esteemed board members and is happy to be a part of his first performance. Although he has experience in theatre, receiving an AriZoni Award for light design, he has never been on stage before.

Eddie Kesner (Reverend Hale) could not be more excited to have his first stage performance be with Places! Productions. He is forever grateful for the support of his wife and five girls; they have crafted him into the man he is today. A special thanks goes to Kasey Ray for the pivotal conversation which prompted the jump into the world of theater. When he is not "witch hunting," Eddie enjoys trail running, surfing, board gaming and playing the banjo. One final, big thank you to Allison for her patience and willingness to share her theatrical brilliance with all of us!



Madeleine King (Betty Parris) has been performing with Places! since the beginning where she played an orphan in *Annie Jr.* Favorite credits include, Places! Productions *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (Belle) and *Shrek the Musical* (Baby Bear). In addition to musical theater, Mady enjoys being a part of Places! Productions' PRESTO Performance group. She sincerely thanks the Places! Team for all their love and support.

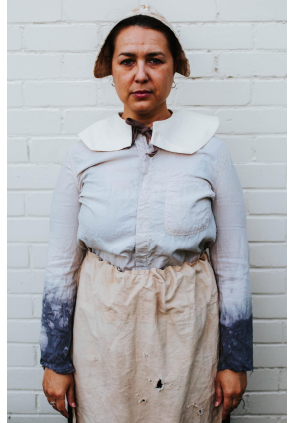
Mary King (Elizabeth Proctor) is delighted to be part of this production of *The Crucible*. Recent credits include Mama Ogre/Mama Bear in *Shrek the Musical*, Mom in *Type One* and Mrs. Frank in *The Diary of Anne Frank* with Places! Productions. She is so excited for this performance where she has the unique opportunity to perform alongside her husband and daughter! She sincerely thanks her family and the Places! team for all their support!

Kevin King (Deputy Governor Danforth). His most recent credits are Papa Bear/Bishop in *Shrek the Musical* and Mr. Van Daan in *The Diary of Anne Frank* with Places! Productions. He would like to thank the Places! team for this opportunity and all their hard work!

Rigley Kirkpatrick (Proctor Son) is extremely proud to have joined the cast of *The Crucible*. Rigley lives in Queen Creek and in his free time loves to play on the computer and spend time with his family. Rigley is in the seventh grade, at a school named Prenda, where history is his favorite subject. Rigley would like to thank his mom and dad for all of the support and his brothers and sister and also his grandparents. Rigley loves performing and hopes he can do more of it!

Joe Kubiak (Reverend Parris) is a high school English teacher at Basis Mesa and the proud father of two beautiful girls. As an avid reader he has long enjoyed drama and the theater. After attending a Places! Performance earlier in the year he was inspired to audition for *The Crucible*. This is his first ever performance.

Evi Mesa (Susanna Walcott) is a senior at Perry High School and is thrilled to be in *The Crucible*! In school, Evi partakes in culinary classes and is working toward attending the Institute of Culinary Education in Pasadena, California. She enjoyed being a part of Studio 3 Academy for 2 years with the roles of Ms. Honey in *Matilda* and Pippin in *Newsies*. She also attended Childsplay Acting Conservatory for 3 years. With Places! Productions,



Evi has been a part of *Happiest Place on Earth*, *Shrek the Musical*, and the short film, *Alice in Wonderland*. She loves the dramatized historical aspect in *The Crucible* and hopes the audience enjoys this incredible performance!



Tim Mills (Thomas Putnam) is happy to be back on stage! He has proudly been a part of Places! Productions since the beginning! His other acting credits include two original musicals *What a Wonderful Life* (townsperson), and *Come Before the Winter* (Jason) at Chandler Center for the Arts. His Places! credits include *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Otto Frank), *Two to Redeem* (Dad), and the short film *Wishing* (Dad). He would like to thank this awesome cast for their time and effort, especially our new actors, and Allison for her love and dedication to the Arts!

Hoyte Mitchell (Giles Corey) is making his acting debut and is so glad that Rachel talked him into playing this role and thanks Allison for giving him this opportunity. In his spare time, after retiring from Circle K after 27 years, Hoyte likes to golf, ride his bike, and hike. He has hiked to Phantom Ranch numerous times and completed a rim to rim hike of the Grand Canyon twice. "I am thankful for my wife's patience as I practiced these last couple of months."



Kasey Ray (John Proctor) is grateful to return to the stage with Places! Productions, previously appearing in *Shrek the Musical* and *Diary of Anne Frank*. Many, many thanks to all who've come to see *The Crucible*; thank you for supporting local theater, and please enjoy the show. Much love to the cast and countless thanks to Allison for her trust, her patience, her wisdom, her direction. For Alyssa, my love.

Felecia Scanlan (Ann Putnam) is excited to be in her first production with Places! Productions. This is her first production in 25 years and she is happy to be back on the stage. When not on stage, Felecia is a math teacher at BASIS Mesa. She thanks her husband and daughter for their support.



Rachel Scanlan (Goody Osburn) is thrilled to be doing her first production ever with Places! Productions. When she is not on stage, Rachel is in the 9th grade at BASIS Mesa. She thanks her mom and dad for their support in this endeavor.

Jackson Wood (Willard) has been doing theater as well as technical theater since 2016. He was last seen at Places! as Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast*. Having the ability to work with such amazing people has been an honor, and he hopes to do more shows with them in the future. "I hope you enjoy the show and come back to see us sometime soon."



John A. Zuccaro (Francis Nurse) makes his theatrical debut in *The Crucible*. He is an ex-mail escort, aka retired letter carrier, and the proud father of John, Tara and James - all teachers! "I want to thank Director Allison Zuccaro, whose smile lights up the room, for giving me this opportunity."

John C. Zuccaro (Ezekiel Cheever) returns to the Places! stage after previously appearing as heart throb henchman Thelonious in *Shrek*. He never thought he would end up on stage as an adult after growing up mostly playing sports (though he did win an award in Irish dance as a child, despite his lack of rhythm). When his beautiful and talented wife is not broadening his horizons in the world of theatre, he teaches PE at Leading Edge Academy and trains in jiu jitsu. He is proud of his wonderful parents for joining him on this adventure.



Margie Zuccaro (Sarah Good/Martha Corey) is making her debut in this performance. She works at Chandler Gilbert Community College. "I would like to thank my fabulous daughter-in-law, Allison Houston Zuccaro, and Places! Productions for being so inspirational and enthusiastic to everyone!"

CRUCIBLE CREATIVE BIOS

Susan Houston (Costume Designer) would like to thank the Board of Places! for the opportunity to design the costumes for *The Crucible*. As costume designer for the Places! debut production, *Annie*, she has watched the little orphans grow into stellar characters in *Shrek TYA* and *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Susan's credits with Places! include costume designer for *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and costume coordinator for *Shrek* and *Beauty and The Beast*. Before Places!, Susan designed for various youth theatres across the valley. Her favorite productions are *Les Misérables* (AriZoni recipient 2008), *You're a Good man Charlie Brown* (AriZoni nomination 2009), *Little Women*, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *Cinderella*, and *Charlotte's Web*, her costume design debut. Susan wants

to thank Tammy and Karrie, our amazing sewing volunteers, and our families for investing their very best in the Places! Community.

Alyssa Ray (Asst. Director) is excited to work once more with Allison and Places! She has been blown away by the cast who are filled with such incredible talent and who have worked so hard to make this show come to life in such a powerful way. She would like to thank Allison for this opportunity and Kasey Ray for his passion and dedication to theater, which has overflowed into their life together and brought ample amounts of joy. Enjoy the show!

Allison Zuccaro (Director) 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 *Crucible* cast and crew (including her brother and in-laws making their stage debuts), the Places! Board, all of our incredible volunteers, her brilliant parents, her supportive husband John/*Crucible's* "Big Zeke", 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.