

- *Little Women Cast Bios* -

(*Young Adult Cast*)

Olivia Dostal (Jo March), a senior at Chandler Preparatory Academy is excited to be playing Jo March in *Little Women*! Olivia has been performing for 8 years with favorite roles including Margot Frank in *The Diary of Anne Frank*, Mercy Lewis in *The Crucible* (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 Allison, Rachel, and her friends and family for their support!

Guten Tag! **Jackson Wood** (Professor Bhaer), an 11th grader at Learning Foundation Performing Arts has been performing and doing technical theatre for many years. His favorite roles include Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast* with Places! Productions and The Bandit King in *Trail to Oregon*, which he also directed. "Enjoy the show!"

Dante X (Theodore Laurence/Rodrigo), an 11th grader at Learning Foundation Performing Arts. He loves performing and writing songs. His past roles with Places! Productions include Donkey in *Shrek the Musical*, The Beast in *Beauty and the Beast* and Andrew in *Remember Me*. He thanks Allison and all the other directors for their support!

Noelle Parent (18) (Marmee March/Hag) is excited to be in *Little Women*! This will be her 32nd show since starting acting at age 6. Favorite roles: Ms.Trunchbull in *Matilda* (AYT), The Witch in *Into the Woods* (TTC), Madame Thénardier in *Les Misérables* (STAGES & AYT), Medda Larkin in *Newsies* (CYT), and Grandma Addams in *Addams Family* (CTC). When not performing, Noelle enjoys photography, graphic design, and being outdoors.

Ava Saba (Beth March/Rodrigo 2) 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* and as a Silly Girl in *Beauty and the Beast* 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 for always believing in her and pushing her out of her comfort zone.

Gabi Etheridge (Meg March/Clarissa) is 15 and attends Mountain View High School. She has been in shows around the valley including *Wizard of Oz* and *Winnie The Pooh Christmas Tail* at VYT, *Peter Pan* at EVCT, *Matilda* at Limelight, and *Freaky Friday* and *Shrek* at AYT. She is so excited for this production and to be working with such talented people!

Justine Wattay (Amy March/Troll) is a 10th grader at Highland High School. She has been in many productions at Actor's Youth Theater including *Annie*, *The Addams Family*, *H.S. Musical 2*, *Peter Pan*, *Fame, Jr.*, *Footloose Jr.* and *Freaky Friday*. Justine loves to sing, dance and act, so she is grateful to Places! Productions for giving her the opportunity to be in this amazing production.

Regan Jorgensen (Aunt March/Mrs. Kirk) is so excited to return to Places! Productions for *Little Women*. She has been in a few shows, her favorites being *Hairspray Jr.* as Edna Turnblad and the *Wizard of Oz* as the Cowardly Lion. She would like to thank her mom and her stepdad for their endless love and support and hopes you enjoy the show!

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

Luca Huish (John Brooke/Braxton) is a senior at BASIS Mesa. He has sung with the East Valley Millennial Choir, church choirs, and plays the piano and guitar. He is working at Nikola Motor company as a software engineer apprentice. He enjoys basketball, gaming, and unicycling.

Matteo Huish (John Brooke/Braxton) is a Sophomore at BASIS Mesa. He has sung with the East Valley Millennial Choir, church choirs, and performed in *Bugsy Malone* and *The Greatest Showman*. He plays the piano and guitar. He enjoys basketball and spending time with friends.

-Artistic Bios-

Allison Zuccaro (Director/Music 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 *Little Women* casts and crew, the Places! Board, all of our incredible volunteers, her brilliant parents, her supportive husband John, YOU for supporting the arts, and Liz Rhodes, who, for the last 15 years, encouraged Allison to pursue her dreams and believed in her more than she ever believed in herself.

Rachel Espericueta (Assistant Director/Choreographer) has had so much fun choreographing and helping out with *Little Women!* She was last seen playing Abigail Williams in Places! Productions' *The Crucible*. Rachel has also choreographed for Presto and Ping, along with *At The Bandstand* and *The Happiest Place on Earth*, a musical revue. She would like to thank her family for being so supportive and Allison for giving her these wonderful opportunities!
"Great job, Cast!"