



ACTOR BIOS

Emily Casimiro (Lead Cupcake, Bee) has a passion for art and singing. Currently she goes to Mesa Arts Academy and is eleven years old. She has done two shows at Mesa Arts Academy, *How to Train Your Reindeer* and *Press Start*. Her most favorite thing she likes to do is draw. She has been drawing for eight years and will continue practicing no matter what.

Lia Chamberlain (Cupcake, Bee) is so excited to be performing in her debut performance in *Pinkalicious!* Lia just graduated from 5th grade at Archway Lincoln (K-5) and is excited to attend a new school in July for 6th

grade. Her infectious smile, sassy personality, and unrelenting determination are sure to make her a success on the stage.

Bella Elle (Pinkalicious) is excited to perform as Pinkalicious with Places Productions! Bella most recently performed as "Killer Queen" in Places! Productions' *We Will Rock You*. She has also performed as "Matilda" with both AYT and Limelight theatres, and she has performed with Phoenix Theatre Co as "Ivanka" in *Once*, and "Gretl" in *The Sound of Music*. She is an active YouTuber, animal lover, and baker. She loves science and art, and she plays the piano, violin, guitar, and ukulele. Bella thanks everyone at Places Productions! for this opportunity, and says "Break Legs" to everyone!

Kennedy Kirkpatrick (Flower, Cupcake) is 3 years old and is in pre-school! She is beyond excited to go on stage, perform and be the spotlight! In her free time she loves to sing, dance, and boss her whole family around!

Luke Kirkpatrick (Bee #2, Green Food) is in the 4th grade and loves to use his imagination and creativeness to build things! He loves to put on a show and make people laugh. In his free time, he loves to spend time with his chickens and swim! This is his first production and he is very excited to be involved with such a great group of instructors and performers!

Rigley Kirkpatrick (Peter) has loved participating in previous plays with Places! Productions and is thrilled to be a part of *Legally Blonde* and *Pinkalicious!* He loves all things theatre and in his free time he enjoys hanging out with his friends and going to the lake with his family. He would like to thank all of his teachers and family for supporting him with his passion.

Tucker Kirkpatrick (Bee, Green Food) is in the 1st grade and has lots of energy! In his free time, he loves to play soccer, swim, fish, and is willing to try anything fun! This is his first production, and he is eager to explore the theatre world!

Neelan Kumar (Mrs. Pinkerton) was born in 2009 in Gilbert, Arizona. She has lived in Mesa her whole life. She started taking voice lessons August of 2017 and continued for 4 years. She also became interested in taking piano lessons in 2018 and also continued until 2021. Neelan plays the saxophone in her school band. At school, she has been awarded the citizenship, friendship and kindness awards. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Neelan also enjoys hiking and target shooting. Neelan has traveled to many countries such as Italy, Switzerland, India and Iran. She is an amazing, kind hearted, and intelligent young lady.

Alysia McCoy (Pinkalicious) Alysia will be a 7th grade student at Greenfield Junior High School and is so excited to be performing in a Places! Productions summer show once again (Last year, she was Chip in *Beauty and the Beast*). She enjoys singing, dancing, playing Viola, Takis, sleeping in, making TikTok videos, hanging out with her friends and playing defense on her soccer team. She would like to give special thanks to Alyssa for encouraging and believing in her. Thank you Allison, Kasey, Julie and cast for one of the best summer shows yet!

Kailyn McGraw (Bee, Cupcake), 11, is going into 6th grade at Ryan Elementary. This is her first performance with Places! and is so excited to be a part of this production. In her spare time, she enjoys playing video games, being with friends/family and her dog. She would like to thank her family for their ongoing support and a special thanks to her sister for showing her that performing is fun!

Joshua Montesa (Bee #3, Green Food) is an incoming 5th grader at Basis Mesa. He loves playing the piano, bass guitar, ukulele, and singing. He is also into basketball and volleyball sports. Theater is his new found love. He played Pablo Picasso in *Young Frida Kahlo* at Basis, Mesa. He is excited and thankful to be part of *Pinkalicious*. He is grateful to his family, directors, the entire cast, and to God for this opportunity. Break a leg, fellow actors! Enjoy the show.

Kaiyah Montesa (Bee, Cupcake, Firework) is an 8yr old student at Basis Mesa. She loves hip hop dancing and tiktok moves. She likes drawing and scrapbooking. She enjoys movie nights with her family. This is her first time to join a theater production and she's super excited to be in the same play as her big brother. She's thankful to God, her family, directors and the entire cast and crew of *Pinkalicious*.

Georgia Moreno (Peter) is a sixth grader at Lincoln Preparatory Academy in Chandler. She has a passion for fine art and is rarely seen without her sketch pad and paint pens. This is Georgia's first show with Places! Productions. In fact, it's her first show with any production company! She is thrilled to be a part of the *Pinkalicious* cast and has loved every part of the production process. She looks forward to developing her voice and acting skills in shows to come.

June Nixon (Flower, Cupcake) is a die-hard homebody. If anything can get her motivated to exit the house, it is performing! “Thank you to Places! Productions for providing motivation for this kid to get dressed, brush her teeth, and exit the house!!” She’s thrilled to play her favorite food 🍰 and insect 🦋 in *Pinkalicious!*

Mateo Nixon (Bee, Green Food) This is Mateo’s performing debut, and he is thrilled to be green food! He said that if it was any other color then he wouldn’t want to do it. Outside of theatre, he can be found running circles around his sisters, perfecting his whining skills, and sometimes being obedient to his parents.

Schotia Nixon (Bird #1, Cupcake) loves to perform for anyone who will watch her! Besides playing imaginary characters and singing all day every day, she also studies languages (Spanish and Mandarin) and dreams of moving back to London where she first took the stage in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Danitza Silva (Dr. Wink) is a performer attending Mesa Arts Academy. She has been at MAA since kindergarten and will be in 6th grade this upcoming school year. Her passions include drawing, acting, singing and reading. She enjoys playing dress up with her cousins and watching drawing tutorials. She would like to give a huge thank you to Mrs. Rachael Houston for nominating her to receive this scholarship. Also thank you to her parents and grandparents for driving her to rehearsals and to the directors and cast members for this great experience. Lastly, special shout out to her two little brothers who are her biggest fans.

PRODUCTION BIOS

Alyssa Ray (Director) is thrilled to be directing (with her talented husband) *Pinkalicious* with Places! Productions. As a kindergarten teacher, the picture book, *Pinkalicious*, is near and dear to her heart, and she loves watching the story on stage. She is beyond proud of the work these young actors and actresses have put into this show. Although you may not be able to tell, many of these performers are making their stage debut, and their ability to shine has made this magical show come alive! She’d like to thank Allison for this opportunity and her fellow directing team for their hard work and patience with all her crazy ideas! Enjoy the show!

Kasey Ray (Director) is excited to co-direct his fourth summer show with Places! Productions. He previously worked on *At the Bandstand*, *Harmony High*, and *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. Sincere thanks goes to Allison, Juli, Caitlen, and Alyssa for doing all of the hard work and allowing him to take the credit. “Enjoy the show!”

Caitlen Spencer (Music Director) is happy to be back with *Places Productions!* You may have seen her as Beth in *Little Women*, but apart from acting, Caitlen loves to help bring a show to life behind the scenes. She has a BFA in Musical Theatre from West Texas A&M University and has held various contracts at Desert Stages, Act One Youth Theatre, and now Places Productions! During the day, Caitlen is a School Services Rep for Music & Arts, helping provide supplies and instruments to over 150 school music programs across the valley.

