



## -CAST BIOS-

**Mila Albery** (Marilyn Monroe) is 10 years old. She is a 5th grader at Basis Mesa. She loves reading books about dragons and cats. She has previously participated in a theater camp at Queen Creek Performing Arts. She enjoys competitive swimming and playing online games with her friends.

**Hayley Christesson** (Audrey Hepburn) is a 7th grader at Learning Foundation and Performing Arts and is excited to be a part of these amazing rock shows. She is so grateful to be a part of Places! Productions. Over the past few years, she has loved being a member of Ping and Presto and has performed in many productions including *Velveteen Rabbit*, *Shrek the Musical*, *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, *Type One*, and *Harmony High*. A special thank you to Allison for helping her realize her love of theater!

**Georgia Cleveland** (George Harrison) has been with Places! since 2nd grade, when she performed one of her very first musicals, *Aladdin*. Georgia is an actor, singer, and dancer. Georgia has performed with Presto for the last year and plans on doing it for many more. She also started dancing at LFPA Gilbert Campus. She has gone to LFPA for almost 7 years. She has also been doing musicals since she was in 1st grade. Her love for them has only grown strong as she just finished *Descendants* and will soon be taking part in *Rock and Roll Forever* and *Guys and Dolls*. She recently turned 13 in 2021. Georgia spends her time partaking in after school activities. One of her favorite things to work on is her newest skill tapping.

**Jamison Cleveland** (Meatloaf) is five years old and attends LFPA; he is in kindergarten. This is his first year joining Places!, although he has been watching performances since he was a toddler, supporting his sister. He is thrilled to have the chance to participate. He loves animals and doing karate.

**Gracie Cook** (Doris Day) is a 12-year-old attending the school Learning Foundation and Performing Arts Academy as a 7th grader. She has been in many shows with Places! Productions, including *Harmony High*, *The Happiest Place On Earth*, *Shrek the Musical*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *The Velveteen Rabbit*. Gracie has been performing in shows since she was 5 years old. Some of her hobbies are cleaning, hanging out with friends, and dancing. She would like to give a big thanks to the cast and crew of *Rock and Roll Forever*, and everyone who has gotten her this far. "Thank you, and enjoy the show!"



**Eve Espericueta** (Freddie Mercury) is so excited to be returning to the stage in Places! *Rock and Roll Forever!* Eve was last seen in Places! Productions' *Shrek* as

Gretel and also performed in *The Happiest Place on Earth*, a musical revue. When Eve isn't on stage with Places!, she loves to dance! She is currently taking ballet and hip hop and hopes to dance in *The Nutcracker* someday! Eve would like to thank Abby, Lily, Joseph, Susan and Allison for all of their hard work and for the wonderful opportunity!

**Lindsay French** (Ann Margaret) is 13 years old and currently is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at LFPA. She is very excited to be part of this production and would like to thank Allison and the directors for this opportunity. In her free time, she enjoys dance and cheer.

**Vivianne Gomez** (Patsy Cline) is a student at Learning Foundation and Performing Arts School. She is 12 years old and in the 7th grade. There she found her love for musical theatre, discovered her voice and enjoys singing. Past roles include *Pinocchio*, 2018 at LFPA, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, 2019 at LFPA, *Oliver Twist* (Soloist), 2019 at LFPA, *Beauty and the Beast*, 2021 at Places! Productions, *Descendants*, 2021

at LFPA. Vivianne would like to thank her Parents for supporting her in anything she wants to do, and her extended family for always being there. Vivianne lives in Gilbert with her parents, older brother, and the family pets: dogs Rip & Kayce and Vixen the cat. Vivianne also enjoys drawing, video games, coding, and rollerblading.





**Olivia Haller** (Shania Twain) has spent most of her life on stage. This is her eighth Places! performance, following roles in *Annie*, *At the Bandstand!*, *The Happiest Place on Earth*, *Harmony High*, *Alice in Wonderland* (March Hare), *Shrek*, and *Beauty and the Beast* (Lumiere). An eighth-grader at American Leadership Academy, Olivia also sings and dances in the Presto! show choir.

**Abby Kesner** (Mike Love) is excited to be in *We Will Rock You* and *Rock and Roll Forever*. Abby, who is 12, enjoys drawing, swimming, reading, skateboarding, going on trips, having fun with her family, and homeschooling. When she grows up, she wants to work with animals. Abby was delighted to be in the recent productions of *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Velveteen Rabbit*. Abby would like to thank the directors and production staff, who have made these shows possible.



**Chloe Kesner** (Host 2) is ecstatic to be participating in *We Will Rock You* and *Rock and Roll Forever*. Chloe is an eleven-year-old who loves to sing and dance. When she's not performing on stage, she is passionate about cleaning, doing math, ventriloquism, swimming, skateboarding, surfing, and spending time with friends. Chloe is also a part of the Places! singing group, Presto, and had a blast recently performing at Disneyland! Chloe wants to give a special thanks to all the directors and choreographers who were very helpful during these productions.



**Molly Kesner** (Elvis Presley) is a very joyful 14-year-old freshman and is very honored to be performing in *We Will Rock You* and *Rock*

*And Roll Forever!* Molly loves performing for Places! Productions! Last summer, she enjoyed playing the role of Lefou in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, which was her first musical with Places! Productions. Molly would like to thank all the directors and people that made these musicals possible. Molly would also like to also thank God for making her into the person she is today!





**Olivia Kesner** (Cyndi Lauper) is thrilled to be in the production of *We Will Rock You* and *Rock and Roll Forever*. When she's not on stage, she likes to dance, skateboard, go on vacation (especially the beach) and surf. She also enjoys participating in Places! Productions singing group, Presto. She had lots of fun traveling to Disneyland to perform with Presto. Olivia would like to give a special thanks to the directors and choreographers

**Mady King** (Judy Garland) is excited to be a part of *We Will Rock You* and *Rock and Roll Forever*. She has been performing with Places! since the beginning where she was an orphan in *Annie Jr.* Favorite credits include, Places! Productions *Velveteen Rabbit* (Skin Horse Spirit), *The Crucible* (Betty Parris), and *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*(Belle). 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.



**Rigley Kirkpatrick** (Dennis Wilson) loves being with the theater group Places! Productions. The past performances that Rigley has been in are *Shrek*, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, *101 Dalmatians*, and *The Crucible*. The school that Rigley attends is Learning Foundation and Performing Arts. When he has free time, he likes to FaceTime his friends and play Roblox. Another thing he likes to do is to go to the lake and go camping with his family. Rigley would like to thank his family for helping him do what he loves to do best.



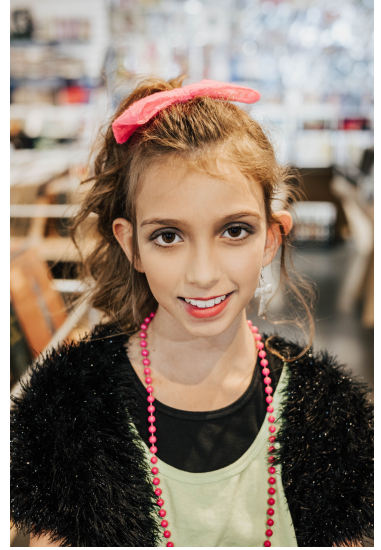
**Madden Knapp** (John Lennon) is 12 years old and has been performing for 8 years now. Her hobbies include rollerblading, jumping on the trampoline, and hanging out with friends. Her favorite past role was being a tree in *The Wizard of Oz*.

**Taylor Knapp** (Carl Wilson) is in 7th grade. She has been performing since kindergarten, and some of her favorite performances were *Willy Wonka*, *Elves and the Shoemaker*, and *Wizard of Oz*. "I would like to say thank you to my parents for

supporting me and my friends for being here."

**Olivia Kubiak** (Shirley Temple) is excited to return to Places! For her second performance after playing a doll/bunny in *The Velveteen Rabbit*. Olivia loves to sing and dance and enjoys meeting new performers and making new friends throughout the season.

**Rylie Leon (Madonna)** This is Rylie's first performance. She has self-prescribed "stage fright" and is facing her fears head-on. She attends BASIS, loves to play sports, Minecraft and is a talented artist.



**Anniah Malone (Al Jardine)** As early as 2 years old, Anniah started singing her heart out, reciting and acting lines from her favorite Disney movies. Over the years she participated in church plays. She's been singing at the Basis Mesa talent show for the last 4 years. Anniah was also honored to be part of the school play *A Christmas Carol* at Basis Mesa Upper school drama class, where she played Tiny Tim and the Young Ms.Scrooge. Anniah is currently developing her love of music by learning to play piano. Anniah also loves to draw and play with her 3 dogs.

**Alexis Martin (Host 1)**, just turned 12 years old and is in 7th grade at Basis Mesa. She's been doing musical theater off and on for 6 years; including *Seussical*, *Lion King*, *Winnie the Pooh* and more! Other than theater, she enjoys karate, piano, and tennis. "Thank you to my family, Mr. Ray, and the great cast!"



**Taylor McNeill (Host 3)** loves the arts and has been a chorister for the Phoenix Boys Choir since 2016, reaching the Tour Choir level as a Soprano in the summer of 2020. He is also part of the BASIS Mesa Drama Club where he enjoys being the Director of the Sound Board during school performances and takes Performing Arts as his main elective. Taylor loves the outdoors and has been part of Scouts BSA since 2015. He was just awarded his Star Rank and elected as his Troop's Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Taylor also enjoys sports (basketball, football), bike riding, fishing, rappelling, camping and hiking.



**Madison Saffin** (Paul McCartney) is excited for her 2nd performance with Places! Productions. She loves to color and draw. She's always dancing and singing with her sister and puppy, Pixie. Madison would like to thank her mom and her family for their support.



**Mia Saffin** (Janis Joplin) is excited for her first ever performance with Places! Productions. She loves to dance and sing in her spare time, putting on shows for her family. In addition to dancing and singing, she likes to do arts and crafts. Mia would like to thank everyone that helps support and encourage her to be the best she can be.



**Maria Stallings** (Brian Wilson) is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at Chandler's Legacy Traditional Charter School. She and her mom and dad live in South Chandler along with their puppy, Max. During free time, Maria enjoys taking voice lessons, as well as singing, dancing, and acting. Maria just began participating in live action plays this past year and has since performed in *The Velveteen Rabbit* and most recently a school sponsored play of *The Lion King*. *Rock and Roll Forever* will be her 3<sup>rd</sup> play this year, and she's very excited to be a part of it! Maria would like to thank her

parents, her big sister Samara and her puppy Max for their love and support.

**Brooklin Tinsley** (Dolly Parton), is in her third theater performance with Places! Productions and is also a member of Presto. This has taught her to be confident and to build friendships.

She's currently going to school at ASU Prep Digital, and this is her first year attending. She loves to sing and perform.

**Marielle Valdez** (Angela Cartwright) Most of Marielle's favorite music is from the Rock and Roll era so, she jumped at the opportunity to be in this show. Places Productions has, yet again, given Mari an opportunity to develop her love for the performing arts and she could not be more excited about it!



**Scarlett Woolf** (Stevie Nicks) is excited to be performing with Places! Productions for the first time. Scarlett loves to be on stage! Dance, gymnastics, singing, and performing are her very favorite things to do. She has performed as Kitty in *Little Women* and as a child/ghost in *The Secret Garden*. She wants to thank her family for supporting her drive to do all the extracurricular activities she can fit in her schedule, and also let everyone know that she is excited to perform with her best friend, Marielle.

## **-ARTISTIC BIOS-**

**Abby Gordon** (Director) is ecstatic to make her Places! directorial debut with *Rock and Roll Forever!* She is a current sophomore at ASU in the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering studying robotics. Abby was last seen on stage as Meg March in *Little Women* and Mother in *The Velveteen Rabbit*. She is so proud of the kids for how hard they have worked on this show. She would like to thank Allison for giving her the opportunity to direct as well as Lily and Joseph for being such an amazing production team!

**Lily Saba** (Choreographer) is so excited to be choreographing for Places! this time, instead of being on stage. Lily is a recent graduate from Williams Field High School. She is excited to attend ASU in the fall for Sports Journalism. She was most recently seen on stage as Amy March in *Little Women* with Places! Productions. She extends her gratitude to Allison, as always, for allowing her to have this opportunity to enhance her theatre experience. Lily is so proud of her kids and would also like to thank Abby Gordon and Joseph Strode for their continuous support.

**Joseph Strode** (Music Director) got his BFA in Musical Theatre from The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) in 2019. He has had the privilege of directing and music directing many children's shows including *Singin' in the Rain*, *Shrek Jr.*, *High School Musical Jr.*, and many others. Fostering the joy of musical theatre in kids is the greatest gift he could ever ask for and is so grateful to have this opportunity. He was last seen in *Little Women* with Places! Productions. He can be seen next in Hale Theatre's production of *Footloose*.