



CAST



Sarah Chandler (Youth- Lieutenant Wright/Mrs. Winthrop, Adult- Dreamer) is delighted to perform in this gorgeous production of Secret Garden! She has performed in Les Mis (Factory Girl 5, Student), Legally Blonde Jr. (Kate), The Velveteen Rabbit (Velveteen Rabbit), and Beauty and the Beast Jr. (Lefou) with Places! Productions. She says thank you to the entire cast, crew, and production team for making this show wick. As well, thank you to everyone who decided to come to our garden! "Hope you enjoy the show!"



Gracie Cook (Jane/Dreamer) is 13 years old and is attending Learning Foundation And Performing Arts Academy. She has been performing since she was 5 years old. Some of Gracie's recent shows are Les Miserables, Legally Blonde, Velveteen Rabbit, and Beauty and the Beast. Some of her most recent hobbies are performing, dancing, hair, and hanging with friends. She would like to thank her family and friends and all of the Places! Productions board for getting her this far. "Enjoy the show!"



Bella Elle (Adult- Mary Lennox), age 13, is honored to return to the stage with her friends at Places Productions! Playing "Mary" in the Secret Garden is a milestone in Bella's young life. Bella has played the roles of "Killer Queen" and "Pinkalicious" with Places Productions! She has also been fortunate to play the role of "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. In addition to theatre and singing, Bella loves working with children and animals. Bella thanks everyone at Places Productions! for this opportunity, and says "Break Legs" to everyone!



Collette Etchamendy (Adult- Child Solo 1/Dreamer) has been with Places! for 5 years and has been a vocal student with Mrs. Zuccaro for as many years. She has had the honor of being in The Happiest Place on Earth (Little Anna), We Will Rock You (Bruce), Pinkalicious (Dr. Wink), Beauty and the Beast (Ensemble), and The Little Match Girl (Still Soloist). Collette thanks all of her family and friends for coming to see her in The Secret Garden.



Gabriel Etchamendy (Adult- Lieutenant Shaw) makes his triumphant return to the stage! Past shows include Aladdin Jr., The Lion King Jr. , and Footloose.



Sonya Etchamendy (Adult- Mrs Medlock/Dreamer) The Secret Garden is the second musical she has been in, after playing Grandma in The Little Match Girl earlier this season with Places! She thanks Mrs. Zuccaro for helping her learn how to sing this past year and for the honor of being part of this amazing and talented cast. It is never too late in life to try something new.



Gabi Etheridge (Youth- Rose Lennox, Adult- Dreamer) is a junior at Mountain View High School. She is so excited to be back after recently being seen as Sick Lovely Lady/Turning Soloist in Les Mis, Delta Nu and Cashier in Legally Blonde, Quatro and Teen Queen in We Will Rock You Meg in Little Women. "Thank you to the whole cast and crew of this production. We hope you enjoy!"



Brianna Fallon (Adult- Rose Lennox) (also known as Ms Bri to theatre students around the Valley) is super jazzed to be involved with her 6th production at Places! She has acted, music director, voice coached, and props designed with Places and is now playing Rose in this production. Brianna 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 Childsplay's Theatre Academy where she manages all of the theatre classes that happen on campus. Some of her favorite roles have been Dragon in Shrek the Musical, Tituba in Crucible, and Lady in Brown in For Colored Girls... When she's not performing, Brianna can be found exploring the outdoors with her husband Justin, designing a graphic for something, or learning a new instrument.



Kaylee Forth (Youth- Nurse/Photographer/Dreamer/Crawford/Sowerby Child, Adult- Child Solo 2) is an 8th grader at SanTan Junior High and is a two-time Zoni nominee. She has performed all over the valley and dreams of being on Broadway one day. Kaylee is thrilled to be participating in her first Places! Productions show. Favorite roles include Brigitta Von Trapp (The Sound of Music-Phoenix Theatre), Pastry Chef/Gangster 1 (The Drowsy Chaperone-Limelight) and Ugly (Honk Jr-Limelight) A great big thank you to her family and friends who have always supported her, especially her Papa, Dad and Mom.



Phoenix Gladney (Ben Weatherstaff) has been doing Places! shows for almost two years now, and it's been amazing! (Grantaire in Les Mis, Buddy in We Will Rock You, Chad in Legally Blonde, and Train in Velveteen Rabbit). Phoenix recently played King in EVHS's The Nutcracker and will next appear as multiple roles in EVHS's The Poe Plays. He wants to thank his talented castmates for giving him the chance to work with such potent talents as those featured in this program, as well as the organization...



Abby Gordon (Adult- Martha) is thrilled to return to the stage with Places! as Martha! Her most memorable roles include Mary Warren (The Crucible) and Meg March (Little Women), but thinks Martha may be her favorite role she has played so far! Abby is also currently obtaining her bachelor's degree in Engineering (Robotics) from ASU. She thanks Allison, Rachel, Jung and the whole cast and crew for the opportunity to be a part of this incredible show!



Olivia Haller (Youth- Major Holmes, Adult- Crawford/Sowerby Child) has spent most of her life on stage. This is her 11th Places! performance, following roles in Annie, At the Bandstand!, The Happiest Place on Earth, Harmony High, Alice in Wonderland (March Hare), Type One, Shrek, Beauty and the Beast (Lumiere), We Will Rock You (Oz), Legally Blonde (Gaelen), and Les Mis. Olivia also sings and dances in the Presto! show choir.



Ayden Iwan (Youth- Dickon, Adult- Dreamer) is so excited to be a part of this production of The Secret Garden. This is his second show at Places! Productions, with his first being Les Miserables (Marius). He has had so much fun doing this show and can't wait for people to see it!



Dante Johnson (Youth- Archibald Craven) is a high school senior at Learning Foundation and Performing Arts. Performances include Guys and Dolls (Sky- LFPA), We Will Rock You (Galileo- Places!), Freaky Friday (Adam- LFPA), Little Women (Laurie- Places!), Beauty and the Beast (Beast- Places!), Shrek (Donkey-Places!), and Aladdin (Aladdin- LFPA). They are a member of Presto and recently placed 1st in AZ District NATS for Commercial and Musical Theatre and won the Monte Ralston scholarship. Dante's performances are dedicated to the fight against cancer.



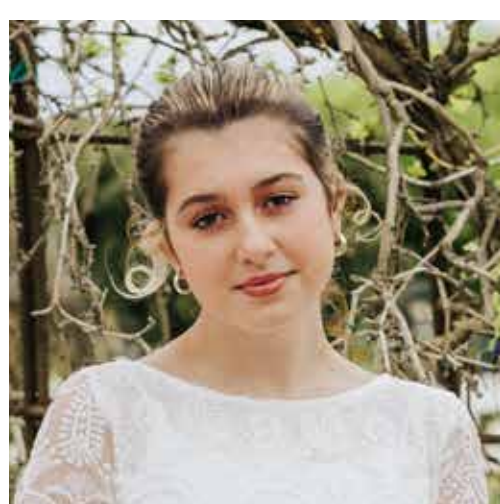
Chloe Kesner (Youth- Claire Holmes, Adult- Dreamer), a twelve year old actress, loves to sing and dance. Chloe is ecstatic to be in this production of The Secret Garden. Chloe has been in many Places! Productions shows, and this one is by far her favorite. When she's not practicing for shows or singing, Chloe is passionate about cleaning, biking, swimming, skateboarding, shopping, having fun with sisters, and hanging out with friends. Chloe is always looking for ways to help people and make people smile. Chloe wants to give a big thank you to Allison, Rachel, and Jung for making this beautiful show possible.



Eddie Kesner ((Adult- Archibald Craven) is excited and blessed to be performing in his favorite musical of all time! He would like to thank Rachel and Jung for their time and expertise and Allison for her direction and encouragement. Eddie has enjoyed working with the entire cast to make this production come to life. He will especially savor the memories of sharing the stage with his daughter Chloe. Finally, he would like to thank his wonderful wife Jennifer, the girl he met in the valley so long ago who continues to encourage, love, and support him. "Enjoy the show!"



Kevin King (Adult- Mr. Shelley/Dreamer) returns to the stage with Places! Productions as Major Shelley. His most recent credits include The Velveteen Rabbit (Doctor), The Crucible (Deputy Governor Danforth), Shrek (Papa Bear/Bishop), and The Diary of Anne Frank (Mr. Van Daan) with Places! Productions. He would like to thank the Places! team for this opportunity all their hard work!



Mady King (Youth- Alice, Adult- Dreamer) is excited to be a part of Secret Garden! She has been performing with Places! since the beginning where she was an orphan in Annie Jr. Favorite credits include Places! Productions Les Miserables (Co-sette), Legally Blonde (Serena), 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!



Mary King (Adult- Alice) is honored to be part of this production of Secret Garden! Recent credits include Little Women (Marmee), The Crucible (Elizabeth Proctor, Shrek (Mama Ogre/Mama Bear), Type One (Mom), and The Diary of Anne Frank (Mrs. Frank) with Places! Productions. She is very excited for this performance where she has the unique opportunity to perform alongside her daughter and husband! She sincerely thanks her family and the Places! Team for all their support!



Rigley Kirkpatrick (Adult- Colin Craven, Youth- Dreamer) loves being with the theater group Places! Productions. The past performances that Rigley has been in are Shrek, The Velveteen Rabbit, 101 Dalmatians, The Crucible, We Will Rock You, Rock and Roll Forever, Pinkalicious, Legally Blonde, Les Mis and Footloose. 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.



Sara Kubiak (Adult- Claire Holmes) This is Sara's first role in a musical production, and she is very excited to join her friends at Places! Productions. She would like to thank her best girl Olivia for inspiring her to get onto the stage and her husband Joe for always supporting her.



Neelan Kumar (Ayah) in 2009 in Gilbert, Arizona. She has lived in Mesa her whole life. She started taking voice lessons in August of 2017 and continued for 4 years. She became interested in taking piano lessons in 2018 and continued until 2021. Neelan is a student in BASIS Mesa. She is currently in band playing saxophone. At school, she has been awarded the citizenship, friendship and kindness awards. Neelan is also an honor student. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She likes hiking and target shooting. Neelan has traveled to many countries such as Italy, Switzerland, India, France and Iran. She is an amazing, kind hearted and intelligent young lady. Neelan joined Places! Productions in 2021. She has been in a few plays, such as Pinkalicious, Little Match Girl, and Les Miserables.



Norah Kohnhorst (Youth- Crawford/Sowerby Child), the youngest Secret Garden cast member, makes her musical theatre debut in this production! She also performs all around town with Ping, Places! Productions' show choir.



Anna Lauritzen (Youth- Crawford/Sowerby Child) has been training in vocal performance for 3 years. She's participated in The Nutcracker as a Doll and Baby Mouse the past two years with Ballet Etudes. Her most recent theatre role was as Roger in 101 Dalmatians Jr. with Actor's Youth Theatre. Anna loves art, gymnastics, & musical theatre. She is happy to be joining her siblings as Sowerby/Crawford kids in The Secret Garden with Places! Productions. Anna thanks her teacher & director, Mrs. Allison, for all of the guidance and encouragement to keep performing!



Eliza Lauritzen (Youth- Dreamer/Child Solo 1, Adult- Crawford/Sowerby Child) is 11 years old and loves to sing and dance. She is a member of Jr. Tap Company at Inspire Entertainment. She also trains at Ballet Etudes where she has been able to participate in The Nutcracker the past two years as a Baby Mouse and Gingerette. Eliza is thrilled to be debuting in her first musical with Places! Productions as a Dreamer. Her most recent role was a tapping Gull in The Little Mermaid with Inspire Entertainment. Eliza enjoys drawing, being in nature, playing the viola, and spending time with her family. She would like to thank her teachers for helping her develop her talents and her director for giving her this opportunity to perform!



Owen Lauritzen (Crawford/Basil Sowerby) has been training in vocal performance for 3 years. He's participated in The Nutcracker as a Party Boy the last two years with Ballet Etudes. His most recent theatre role was as Jasper in 101 Dalmatians Jr. at Actor's Youth Theatre. He is excited to debut in his first musical with Places! Productions as Basil Sowerby. Owen enjoys playing legos, baseball, & ninja courses. Owen is thankful for this opportunity to perform alongside his sisters and the rest of the talented cast in The Secret Garden.



Kendal Martinez (Youth- Crawford/Sowerby Child) has always loved performing, especially singing. After belting out "Crazy Train" at her 6th birthday party, the journey started. Kendal started her vocal training when she found Allison Houston in February 2021. She has had over 2 amazing years with Allison as a teacher and continues to grow. She has received honorable mentions in several NATS competitions and has had the opportunity to perform at community centers and at Superstition Springs alongside Places! Productions and Ping/Presto. Kendal has also been a member of the vocal minis company at Inspire Entertainment and has attended several musical theater camps at Queen Creek Performing Arts Center. Secret Garden will be her first official musical theater production, and she is very excited for this opportunity.



Farrah McArthur (Youth- Mary Lennox), age 10, is so excited to be performing in her 2nd show with Places! Productions, her first being Les Miserables, in which she played the role of Young Cosette. After performing in Annie as Pepper and "Star to Be", her musical theater debut just this past summer, she was hooked right away. Music and performing, however, have always been a passion of hers from the time she could walk and talk. In the past year, she has won awards and accolades for her poem recitations (The Bard Competition) reciting verses from William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, as well as multiple singing competitions (NATS) placing first in both categories of Classical and Musical Theater. Farrah is so delighted to be a part of The Secret Garden and playing the part of Mary Lennox, a role in which she can really immerse herself into a character that is so complex and challenging. Her all-embracing love of the theater is easily witnessed in every rehearsal and performance. She would like to thank Allison Houston for her diligent voice coaching and continuous encouragement and her family members for their unwavering love and support.



Sarah McKay (Youth- Mrs. Shelley/Dreamer) was most recently seen at Places! in We Will Rock You. She is a student at Mountain View High School and has performed as Nala in The Lion King. She's so excited to be in this show!



Camila Mercer (Youth- Crawford/Sowerby Child) is also a member of Ping, Places! Productions' show choir. She recently traveled to California to perform at Disneyland with Ping and Presto.



Charlotte Miller (Youth- Mrs. Shelley/Dreamer) started acting when she was 11 years old at a community theater in Maine. Ever since that first play, she was hooked with theater. She has played many roles and has been in a handful of shows since then. She is now 16, playing a Dreamer and Miss Shelley in the Secret Garden as well as a student at ACAA in Phoenix, Arizona. Charlotte would like to thank her Mom and Dad for the countless rides to rehearsals over the year and her siblings for supporting her through all her shows.



Hoyte Mitchell (Adult- Ben Weatherstaff) was most recently seen on stage with Places! as Giles Corey in The Crucible. 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."



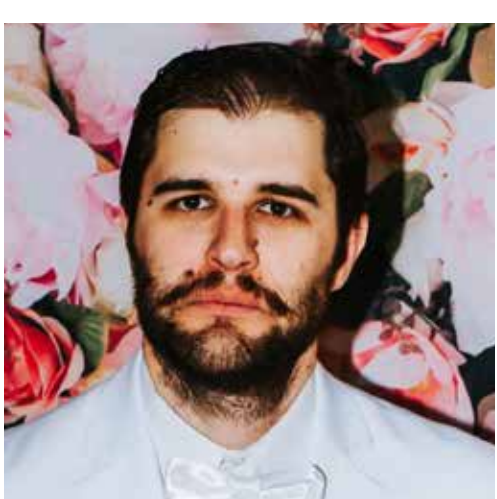
Adithi Nythruva (Fakir) The Secret Garden is Adithi's first musical production. She has, however, been singing both the musical theatre and classical genres since the 6th grade and has been a part of her school's choir program since freshman year. She is currently the president of the highest choir ensemble at her school, Jazz Choir, and is also president of Perry's Tri-M Music Honor Society. She has also competed in NATS several times throughout her high school career and has won numerous awards in the classical, musical theatre, and CM categories. She has also qualified for the National NATS category twice, last year in classical and this year in musical theatre. She would like to thank her voice teacher, Nichole Jensen, for always believing in her, her awesome family, and her amazing friends for their support.



Jennifer Parent (Adult- Mrs. Shelley/Dreamer) started performing at the age of 5. As a child, she had 9 years of lessons in tap, ballet, jazz and piano, was on a dance team in high school and took ballroom dance, through advanced clogging and was part of the BYU International Folk Dance team in college. For 15 years, she was part of an adult clogging team, performing regularly in the community. Before moving to AZ from OR in 2019, she studied soft and hard shoe Irish dancing for 3 years. Credits: Dorothy, Wizard of Oz; Laurie, Oklahoma; Mrs. MacAfee, Bye Bye, Birdie; ensemble, Hello Dolly and Fiddler on the Roof; Aunt March, Little Women. She took a 15 year hiatus from musical theatre performing to focus on raising and homeschooling her 4 children, now ages 13-22. She enjoyed singing in an auditioned community choir and volunteering heavily for her children's performances during that time. She earned a M.Ed. in early childhood special education and has a passion for supporting children with learning differences. She thanks Allison for providing a supportive place to gently re-enter musical theatre performing and for her husband who offers much behind the scenes support. She dedicates this performance to her angel mother who she would say "put the music in me" (artist, Calee Reed) and left this earthly life in June, 2022.



Alyssa Ray (Adult- Jane/Nurse/Dreamer) has worked with Places! behind the scenes for a few years and is thrilled to make her onstage debut in The Secret Garden. She would like to thank Allison for the opportunity, Sara for encouraging her to perform again, and Kasey for getting her involved in this wonderful theater company. Enjoy the show!



Kasey Ray (Adult- Captain Albert Lennox) is grateful to be performing with Places! Productions again! Previously appearing in The Little Match Girl (Father), Little Women (Professor Bhaer), The Crucible (John Proctor), Shrek the Musical (Shrek), and The Diary of Anne Frank (Kraler) with Places!, Kasey is thrilled to return to the stage in this beautiful presentation of The Secret Garden. Much thanks to Allison, Jung, Rachel and this lovely cast for their hard work, and love to Alyssa and his family.



Izzy Redwitz (Youth- Mrs. Medlock/Dreamer) is an 8th grade student. She has a passion for theater, music, singing, and dance. Her past shows include The Addams Family, All Shook Up, Beauty and the Beast Jr., and Les Miserables School Edition. She has competed in the Musical Theatre Competition of America and sings in the choir at Highland Junior High School. Izzy thanks her family, friends, directors, and teachers who have supported and taught her over the years. She is excited to be a part of The Secret Garden and looks forward to performing with such fun and talented actors.



Ava Saba (Youth- Lily) is 16 and in 11th grade. She is thrilled to be back on the Places! stage once again. She was most recently seen as Eponine in Les Miserables and Vivienne Kensington in Legally Blonde with Places! Productions. Some of her favorite roles she's played are Scaramouche in We Will Rock You, Beth March in Little Women and Fiona in Shrek with Places! Productions. Other shows she has been in are Lion King, All Shook Up and 42nd Street with AYT and Matilda with Valley Youth Theatre. As always, she wants to thank Allison Houston Zuccaro for always believing in her!



Lily Saba (Adult- Dance Captain/Dreamer) is a freshman at Arizona State University. She was most recently seen as Elle Woods in Legally Blonde, Amy March in Little Women and Penny Pingleton in Hairspray. She also had the amazing opportunity to choreograph Rock and Roll Forever and Les Miserables with Places! Productions. When she's not on stage she enjoys photography, working for the Arizona Diamondbacks as a Rally-Back and hanging out with her friends. She would like to thank Allison and the Places! Team for the amazing opportunities they have given her.



Aaron Schneider (Adult- Dr. Neville Craven) is excited to have the opportunity to participate in his first Places! production. While a native of the Midwest, where he participated in a variety of community/church related productions, he has also recently started performing here in Arizona. He has kept particularly busy this last year, participating in Guys & Dolls (Zao), Sister Act (QCPAC), R&H Cinderella (QCPAC), Titanic (AZMTO), and the forthcoming production of Crazy for You (AZMTO). Special thanks to my family for their patience and encouragement. In the words of singer/song-writer Harry Chapin, "he did not know how well he sang...it just made him whole!"



Piper Searcy (Youth- Mrs. Shelley/Dreamer) has been doing musical theater since she was seven years old. She was most recently in Les Miserables, which was her favorite show. Piper is so excited to be in The Secret Garden! She would like to thank her family and friends for being so supportive!



Audra South (Youth- Colin Craven) is a 5th grader at Weinberg Gifted Academy in the Chandler Unified School District. Audra trains in dance competitively at Artistic Motion Dance in Gilbert. Her main love is singing and performing in musicals. Some of her favorite past roles have been Jojo in *Seussical Jr.*, Matilda in *Matilda* and Gavroche in *Les Miserables*.



Caitlen Spencer (Adult- Lily) is happy to be back for her 3rd production with Places! She played Beth in *Little Women*, and was the music director for *Pinkalicious*. Caitlen has a BFA in Musical Theater from West Texas A&M university. She does a lot of work with CYT Phoenix, music directing, and teaching weekly classes. During the day Caitlen serves as a school services rep with Music & Arts helping support over 150 school music programs around the valley. When not in the theater, she is probably doing something creative at her home church (City of Grace), playing keys, vocals, or on the production team. Caitlen is excited to be hitting some of the highest notes in her life with one of her favorite theatre families!



Abby Springer (Youth- Martha), a high school sophomore with a giant smile and wicked sense of humor, Abby is so happy to be back on stage with Places! Productions. Favorite past roles include Eponine in *Les Misérables*, Sharpay Evans in *High School Musical Jr.*, and Kendra in *13*. Abby is beyond grateful to her directors for allowing her to portray the comedic role of Martha and helping her perfect her Yorkshire accent. She's thrilled to perform with her best friends in this talented cast – not to mention her dad, Scott, who plays Major Holmes in the community cast. When she's not on stage, she enjoys dancing, art, reading, hanging out with her friends and cuddling with her new puppy, Tilly.



Scott Springer (Adult- Major Holmes) is over-the-moon excited to make his stage debut as Major Holmes in *The Secret Garden* and grateful to his directors for giving him his "big break!" His training includes singing along (loudly) to the radio (which pleases his children to no end), displaying his prodigious dance skillz at every wedding reception he attends (which also pleases his children), and "acting" up when the ref makes a bad call at his son's soccer games (which absolutely thrills his wife). He has loved participating in this show and can't wait to audition for another production. His favorite part has been spending extra time with his daughter, Abby (Martha/youth cast), at rehearsals.



Maria Stallings (Youth- Dreamer/Child Solo 2, Adult- Crawford/Sowerby Child) This is Maria's 5th play and 4th with Places! Productions. Maria has performed in renditions of *The Velveteen Rabbit*, *Rock and Roll Forever*, *Little Match Girl*, Disney's *The Lion King* and Disney's *Frozen*. Maria also spends time taking voice lessons in Gilbert with her voice coach to assist her with her love of singing and performing. Maria balances performing with school and is regularly on the Legacy Traditional School's honor roll. Maria would like to acknowledge and thank her parents, Laura and Sean as well as her big sister, Samara for their love and support.



Joseph Strode (Adult- Dickon) originally from Mississippi where he got his BFA in musical theatre from the University of Mississippi. His past credits include *The Little Mermaid* and *Footloose* at Hale Center Theatre. *The Secret Garden* and *Little Women* at Places! Productions. *Chicago*, *Assassins*, *Macbeth*, and *Hair* at Ole Miss Theatre, as well as performing at the historic Grand Ole Opry and Carnegie Hall. He would like to thank his family and fiancé for their unbelievable support.



Hudson Sullivan (Youth- Lieutenant Shaw), a sophomore at East Valley High School, has been involved in theatre since he was just 1 year old, and his first speaking role was at age 4. He has been singing for as long as he can remember. He is self-taught with most of his acting and vocal performing. He recently performed as The Foreman/Prouvaire in *Les Mis* with Places! He would like to thank Allison Zuccaro for bringing him out of his shell and also helping me improve his vocal techniques and acting skills.



Davin Williams (Youth- Captain Albert Lennox) is very excited to be in *The Secret Garden* with Places! Productions. Davin had been with Places! for almost a year and has seriously enjoyed previous shows with them (*Bishop/Courfeyrac* in *Les Mis*, *Callahan* in *Legally Blonde Jr.*, and *We Will Rock You*). He is a music student at Desert Ridge High School in the Advanced Vocal Ensemble directed by Albert Lee and plays piano in *Strolling Strings*, as well as acts in additional shows hosted by the Desert Ridge Theater Department. He would like to thank Allison and the rest of the Places! crew for helping him live his acting dream. Can't wait for the future!



Jackson Wood (Youth- Dr. Neville Craven, Adult- Lieutenant Wright, Dickon u/s) is a high school senior and was most recently seen at Places! In *Les Mis* (*Jean Valjean*) and *Legally Blonde* (*Warner*). Past Places! shows also include *We Will Rock You* (*Galileo*), *Little Women* (*Professor Bhaer*), *The Crucible* (*Willard*), and *Beauty and the Beast* (*Gaston*). He was also just awarded first place in category at AZ NATS and is a member of Presto, Places' performance troupe.



Zayden Zahorka (Youth- Major Shelley/Dreamer) is a fifteen-year-old homeschooled freshman. This is his first performance with Places! Productions. He was previously seen in EVCT's *The Lion King Jr.*, & *Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus*. Zayden has been active in drama and choir, and when he isn't rehearsing, you can find him reading, golfing, or playing basketball. Zayden is thankful for Allison and this opportunity to work with such a talented cast.



Margie Zuccaro (Adult- Mrs. Winthrop/Dreamer) is performing in her 3rd Places! Productions show. Previous roles include Sarah Good in *The Crucible* and Grandma in *The Little Match Girl*.

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Rachel Espericueta (Choreographer/Asst. Director) recently choreographed Places! Productions' *Legally Blonde*, *We Will Rock You*, *Little Women*, and *Little Match Girl*. She was last seen on stage as Abigail Williams in Places! Productions' *The Crucible*. Rachel has 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 all their love and support, along with the *Secret Garden* cast and crew.

Jung Eun Lee (Music Director) is a resident of Mesa, Arizona. She earned a bachelor of arts in vocal performance while in Korea. She continued her education at Arizona State University with another bachelor's degree in piano performance and music education. She followed that with a master's degree from ASI in choral conducting /music education. Her post-graduate studies have been with Dr. Baruch Meir, artistic piano professor, Dr. George Umberson, director of the School of Music at ASU, and Dr. Gregory Gentry, director of choral performance at the ASU School of Music. Through continuing education, she has also studied under James Jordan Westminster College Choir Director, Charles Bruffy, Artistic Director of the Phoenix Chorale, Bruce Chamberlain, University of Arizona Director of Music, Sabine Horstman, instructor of group vocal technique and voice at the Robert Schuman Music University in Dusseldorf, Germany, and Weston Noble an internationally known music educator and conductor. As of June 2007, Ms. Lee has served as the Music Director at Love of Christ Lutheran Church. She directs the Chancel Choir, Women's Ensemble, Youth Bell Ringers, Alleluia Ringers, music camp, and the Children's Chime Choir. In addition, she conducts the Christmas and Easter Cantatas annually. Professionally, she is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, the Music Teachers National Association, and Handbell Musicians of America since 2004. In community involvement, she has performed solo and duet at the Chandler Center of the Arts at the Chinese New Year's celebration in 2015 and 2016. She was a clinician at the vocal choir workshop at New Life Presbyterian Church. She coordinated and conducted the mass choir for the 500th Reformation Choral Festival in Arizona in 2017. She conducted the mass choir and played a handbell solo at the 8th Anniversary Choral Festival in Kingston, Jamaica in 2017. And most recently she was invited to conduct a piano ensemble for a performance of the East Valley Music Teachers Association in January 2022 and 2023. It has been an absolute honor to work as a vocal coach with the cast and director, Allison Houston of Places! Productions, for the musical *The Secret Garden*.

Allison Zuccaro (Director) is the Founding Artistic Director of Places! Productions. She graduated from ASU (where she played Mary Lennox in *The Secret Garden* in 2010!) in 2012 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 *Secret Garden* cast 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.