



## CAST

**Olivia Dostal** (Shelby/Annelle u/s) is so thrilled to be part of this project. Olivia is currently going into her junior year at Rider University studying to obtain a BFA in Acting. She has performed on the Rider stage in numerous roles and well as working on the stage lighting for many Rider shows. With Places! Productions, some of her previous roles include *Little Women* (Jo March), *Legally Blonde* (Brooke Wyndham), and *We Will Rock You* (Scaramouche). She is so grateful for the opportunity to work with these wonderful people. Places! Productions has her heart forever!

**Sonya Etchamendy** (Clairee) has performed as Grandma in *Little Match Girl* (December 2022), Mrs. Medlock in *Secret Garden* (March and September 2023), UGC Staff in *Urinetown* (April 2024), Picklelittle Lady understudy in *The Music Man* (March 2024). It is quite the honor to play Clairee in *Steel Magnolias* under the direction of Allison Zuccaro, and in the company of the wonderful women of this cast! "Thank you, Allison, for giving me this opportunity."

**Brianna Fallon** (Truvy) (also known as Ms. Bri) is an actor, director, playwright, teaching artist, singer, and musician. 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 of Childsplay's Theatre Academy. Some of her favorite roles have been Dragon in *Shrek the Musical*, Pennywise in *Urinetown*, 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.

**Abby Gordon** (Shelby), a recent Engineering graduate from ASU, is elated to be a part of this beautiful show. Her most memorable past roles include Mary Warren (*The Crucible*), Meg March (*Little Women*), and Martha (*The Secret Garden*). She thanks Allison and the cast for creating such a wonderful experience and the opportunity to perform this dream role!

**Mary King** (M'Lynn) is delighted to be part of this production of *Steel Magnolias*. She is very excited for this performance because M'Lynn has been one of her ultimate dream roles; she feels a deep connection to the character and can't wait to bring this role to life on stage! Her favorite credits include *Little Women* (Marmee), *The Crucible* (Elizabeth Proctor), *Type One* (Mom) and *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Mrs. Frank) with Places! Productions.

**Lily Saba** (Annelle) is thrilled to be on stage again with Places! Productions. Lily is a Junior at ASU for Sports Journalism. She has been seen on stage as Amy March in *Little Women*, Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde*, and Penny Pingleton in *Hairspray*, all with Places! Productions. When not performing, you can find her at the Arizona Diamondbacks working as an MLB Dancer and as a choreographer for Places! Productions. She extends her gratitude to Allison, as always, for guiding her on and off stage! Lily is thrilled to be taking the stage with such an amazing group of women!

**Margie Zuccaro** (Ouiser) played Sarah Good and sang in chorus in *The Crucible*, played Grandmother and Townsperson in *The Little Match Girl*, and played Mrs. Winthrop and a Dreamer in *Secret Garden* with Places! Productions. "I am performing as Ouiser in *Steel Magnolias* because I love my daughter-in-law, and it is her dream!"

## CREATIVE

**Susan Houston** (Understudy/Costume Coordinator) is thrilled to have her first on stage role as an understudy for this amazing cast! *Steel Magnolias* is close to her heart, and she has enjoyed coordinating the 1980's looks. Her favorite costume design credits with Places! are *Urinetown*, *Mary Poppins Jr.*, *Les Misérables: School Edition*, *The Crucible*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and our first production, *Annie Junior*.

**Allison Zuccaro** (Director) is the Founding Artistic Director of Places! Productions. She graduated from ASU 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 over 40. She runs a private voice studio in Queen Creek and is a board member for the National Association of Teachers of Singing. She thanks the amazingly talented *Steel Magnolias* cast and crew for their wonderful work on this show, 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 17 years, encouraged Allison to pursue her dreams and believed in her more than she ever believed in herself.