Sol – Cast Biographies

**ZANA AKKOÇ** is 12 years old, from Letterkenny in Ireland and is half-Turkish and half-Irish and loves his Donegal. He has been attending a performing arts academy for the past five years, during which time he has picked up a number of awards and accolades. He studies Musical Theatre, Singing and Piano and has undertaken examinations in Acting, Oral Communication and Musical Theatre performance.  He has a musical ear and is a very expressive, bubbly and happy-go-lucky kid, much like Sol.

**MYRA ZEPF**is a children's author from County Down in Northern Ireland.  She is the current winner of Ireland's Children's Book of the Year and has had her Irish-language books translated into eight languages, worldwide.  She was the first ever Children's Writing Fellow for Northern Ireland (2017-2019), based at the Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry at Queen’s University, Belfast.  As well as writing picture books, chapter books and Young Adult fiction, she is now on a sworn mission to inspire younger minds to write and tell their own stories.

**FIONNULA FLANAGAN** is an internationally celebrated Irish actress, whose work on stage and screen has garnered her many distinctions, among which are two Tony Award Nominations, a Golden Saturn Award, an Emmy Award, numerous critics' awards, three IFTA Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award, and an Honorary Doctorate in the Arts from the National University of Ireland at Galway.