



Youth Theatre Northwest presents

J.R.R Tolkien's

The Hobbit

Adapted by Edward Mast

Directed by: **Mike Lion**

DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

Hello, audiences and adventurers,

The Hobbit is the first full length book that I remember reading as a child, and it has long remained one of my favorite tales. It's a story of bravery, cleverness and empathy following a homebody hobbit, who chooses to step out of his comfort zone and go on an adventure. He faces dangers along the way, but continues on despite being scared, and his main superpower is his words; he's able to get out of difficult situations by talking rather than resorting to fighting. In the end it's his kindness and wits that help mitigate the outbreak of the great war.

It is sometimes hard to translate literature onto the stage, but we worked to make this production truly theatrical with shadow puppets, stage combat, and choreographed numbers. It was quite the feat to tackle this show in three weeks, but this cast has made it a great pleasure. I was truly blown away by their talent, dedication, and grace. I could not have asked for a better first YTN summer stock directing experience. I hope you enjoy the show!

Mike Lion

Director

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CAST LIST:

Gloin	Bella R
Bilbo	Billy T
Dwalin/Doof	Caroline S
Bard/Voice and Others	Cecilia M
Oin and Others	Chet T
Dori and Others	Daenerys J
Maxwell/Tall Goblin	Elizabeth K
Gandalf	Eowyn H
Kili/Captain and Others	Gabriel S
Ori/Dork	Katelyn H
Bifur	Lucy H
Thorin	Michelle I
Smaug/King Goblin	Micki N
Balin	Ori T
Fili and Others	Rishaan J
Bombur	Wolfric H
Gollum	Viola H
Puppeteers	Cecilia M, Elizabeth K, Micki N, Eowyn H

ACTOR'S BIOS (Alphabetical by first name):

Bella R (Gloin) The Hobbit is Bella's second Youth Theatre Northwest production, and she's thrilled to be part of the cast. Bella is going into 6th grade at Maywood Middle School, and has been studying Music and Musical Theatre since she was 6. She played the role of Veruca Salt in an Illumination production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, she has acted in two Missoula Children's Theatre productions, and many other shows. When she's not on stage or in piano or voice lessons, Bella loves to ice skate, play video games, and care for her 6 pets: 2 dogs, 2 cats, a bearded dragon, and a ball python

Billy T (Bilbo) is 11 years old and has just finished 6th grade at Issaquah Middle School. This is his 6th show with YTN. In his spare time Billy likes hanging out with friends and his dream is to one day perform in Lin Manuel Miranda's musical *In the Heights*. His favorite movie is Mean Girls.

Caroline S (Dwalin/Doof) is 10 years old and going into fifth grade at Lakeridge Elementary. She has enjoyed participating in several Youth Theatre Northwest classes and camps, and she is excited to be in *The Hobbit*. Some of Caroline's hobbies are art, writing, reading, ballet, and swimming. She is the proud owner of six hungry ember tetras. Caroline has enjoyed rehearsing for this production with all of the cast and crew, and she hopes you enjoy watching it!

Cecilia M (Bard) is 12 years old and a student at Islander Middle School. She has been taking classes at YTN for several years. She previously performed in Missoula Children's Theatre's production of *Gulliver's Travels*. She had her YTN performance debut in the spring of 2021 as Toto in *The Wizard of Oz*. She was most recently seen gracing the stage as Mrs. Bucket/Oompa Loompa in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. She is an avid reader who loves to draw and spend time with her dog and 2 cats. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Chet N (Oin-warrior-goblin), is excited to be in his first summer stock YTN production. Chet got a taste of acting during his 1st grade year at Northwood's talent show where he choreographed a star wars light saber battle of Darth Maul-Chet vs Obi wan-his friend. Past plays: *Little Red Robin Hood*, *The Tempest*, & *Narnia: LW&W*. Chet enjoys hanging with his friends, a good battle, and baseball.

Daenerys J (Dori) is a nine year old actress who never found an adventure she didn't love. She has been part of the Youth Theatre Northwest family for seven years, enjoying productions of *The Wizard of Oz* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, honing her comedy improv skills, and taking as many classes and camps as possible. When she isn't busy acting, she likes to collect pinecones and rocks, sing and dance, and spend time in the water as her alter-ego, The Mermaid. Daenerys is thrilled to be a part of the cast of *The Hobbit*.

Elizabeth K (Maxwell) This is Elizabeth's 5th show at YTN. She has been an actor since 2020 and has been enjoying every performance she has been in. Elizabeth will be starting 7th grade in the fall, which will be full of tech, art, and science courses. She will also be the co-teacher for the programming club, teaching middle schoolers about Python, Java Script, and HTML. In her free time, Elizabeth enjoys creating art, reading, music, and anything that strikes her interest. She loved seeing her cast mates incredible acting, and hopes the audience does as well.

Eowyn H (Gandalf): Eowyn is very excited to be playing a wizard in her 11th show at YTN. She is 12 years and 360 days old and is going into 8th grade at St. Thomas School. Not only does Eowyn love acting, she also loves drawing, reading, binging Netflix, and playing video games. She thanks you for coming and hopes you enjoy the show.

Gabriel S (Kili and Others) is thrilled to be in *The Hobbit*. This is his first performance at Youth Theatre Northwest. He is 8 years old and going into third grade at Lakeridge Elementary. Gabriel has lots of hobbies. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Katelyn H (Ori/Dork/Warrior/Dragon's Tail) Katelyn is extremely excited to perform her first show ever in Youth Theatre Northwest. She is currently 8 years old and will be in 3rd Grade at St. Thomas School. When not performing, Katelyn loves playing soccer, ice skating and horseback riding. This summer after theater, Katelyn will be traveling to Taiwan where she will stay for a month!

Lucy H (Bifur) Lucy is having her theatrical debut in *The Hobbit* as Bifur. She has enjoyed several theatre camps and classes and excited to be on stage in front of real people for the first time. Lucy is 8 years old and will be in the 2nd grade at John Muir Elementary in Seattle. When not acting, Lucy enjoys playing with her Bengal cat, Kodiak, reading books, riding her bike, trying out hacks on Roblox, and cheering on the Mariners. As a lifelong Mariners fan, she thinks this is their year.

Michelle I (Thorin) is 13 years old and a student at Open Window School. She is incredibly excited to be a part of *The Hobbit*, as second YTN production. Michelle is passionate about performing, and has danced at Disneyland, The Nutcracker Ballet, and various other festivals and parades. When not at rehearsal, Michelle enjoys reading, painting, and surfing. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Micki N (Smaug) is 12 years old, 6th grade, and goes to SAAS now. Some of the plays she has been in were *Cinderella Rocking in the 80's*, *Narnia*, *Robin Hood*, *Little Red Robin Hood*, and *Alice @ Wonderland*. She does volleyball and soccer. Also Micki would like to thank YTN for making this show possible. She hopes you like to show!

Ori T (Balin), 11 years old, is a 6th grader at West Mercer Elementary. *The Hobbit* is her seventh YTN production. Besides her love for the theatre, Ori practices Karate and loves hanging with her friends, and her siblings.

Rishaan J (Fili and Others) is a soon to be 3rd grader at Northwood Elementary. This is his 2nd show at YTN. He is delighted to be a part of this production and is so happy that you are here. When Rishaan is not acting or studying he is found reading, playing with Legos or learning to be a spy. Oops - we just gave away his cover ! Now everyone knows you are a spy ..

Viola H (Gollum) is 10 years old and going to be a fifth grader this fall. *The Hobbit* is her 8th production at YTN. She's really excited to be a part of Tolkien's middle-earth universe as the famous slimy cave creature. Viola has been extremely fortunate to find YTN where she can cultivate her creativity and discover her new self each time she's part of a production. Besides acting, Viola loves singing, reading, drawing, coding games and playing games with friends. She's also a big animal lover and enjoys taking care of her two cats and tortoise. She hopes you'll enjoy the show!!

Wolfric H (Bombur): Wolfie is excited to be in *The Hobbit*, his third show at YTN. He is 8 years old and going into 3rd grade at St. Thomas School. In his free time he likes playing sports, gaming and building Legos. He hopes you enjoy the show.

PRODUCTION TEAM:

Director	Mike Lion
Set Designer	Robin Macartney
Lighting Design	Rob Falk
Costume Design	Jocelyn Fowler
Props Design	Gunnar Johnson
Sound Design	Trey McGee
Stage Manager	Sesha Richter
Puppetry	Cassie Bray and Zane Exactly
Assistant Stage Manager	Cory Southwell
Young Stage Captain	Gwen Brewer
Scenic Painter	Tori Dewar

Student Crew:

Sound Op	Abi N
Lights Op	Sebastian L
Run Crew	Elliot K

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PRODUCTION TEAM'S BIOS:

Mike Lion (Director) is director, actor, translator, and clown. He is the Program Associate and Improv Coach at Youth Theatre Northwest. He is also the Co-Artistic Director and Co-Founder of Seattle's Dacha Theatre. Mike has directed YTN's Radio Drama productions for the past two years and he is thrilled to be making his summer stock directorial debut.

Trey McGee (Sound Design) is a sound designer and performer living in Brooklyn, NY. He is a proud alumnus of YTN. He has sound designed for several Youth Theatre productions in the past few years, including *Men on Boats*, *Rules of Comedy*, and *Flora and Ulysses*. He is always thankful to work with Youth Theatre again and give back to the community that helped him grow. Enjoy the show!

Gunnar Johnson (Props Design) is ecstatic to have contributed these props to Youth Theatre Northwest! Nothing has brought him more joy than watching small children wielding battle axes. He hopes you enjoy the show as much as the kids do!

Cassie Bray (*she/they*) (Puppetry) is a gender-queer theatre artist and shadow puppeteer with a BA in Theatre and Secondary Education. Some of their favorite recent projects include: *The 39 Steps* (Puppetry Design and Consultation); *Intiman Homecoming Festival* (Stage & Production Manager); *The Fool* (Puppetry Design, Puppetry, Co-Direction); *Water is Easier to Swallow* (Puppetry Design, Puppetry, Co-Direction); and *We Go Mad* (Puppetry, Lighting Design).

Zane Exactly (*they/them*) (Puppetry) is a non-binary puppeteer, theatre maker and visual artist with a BFA in sculpture and printmaking. Some of their recent projects have included: shadow puppetry; projection design; puppet design and fabrication; set and prop design; mask design; miniature fabrication; and performing. They have also worked for Thistle Theatre, a local Bunraku puppet theatre company, since 2013 as a puppeteer, repair person, and show builder. They are thrilled to be starting their third season as "Possum" in "*Look, Listen and Learn*," a local Children's YouTube series.

Cory Southwell (Assistant Stage Manager) The first production Cory worked on at YTN was in 2013, when he Assistant Stage Managed *The Hobbit*. Now, 9 years and 38 shows later, Cory is once again the ASM for *The Hobbit*, in addition to YTN's Program Director and a self-appointed wizard.

Gwen Brewer (Young Stage Captain) is an alum of YTN and graduated out in 2019. She is so excited to be a part of *The Hobbit* and hopes you enjoy the show!

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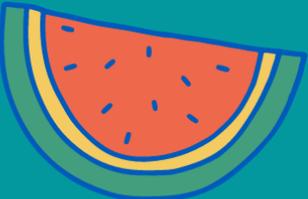
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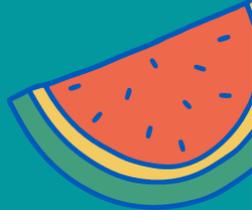


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