

The Hobbit

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directed by Bruce Hostetler

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Between the dawn of Faerie and the Dominion of Men, this unlikely hero's journey is full of magic and mystery! Travel there and back again with Bilbo Baggins of the Shire and the wizard Gandalf the Grey in this epic adventure to reclaim a stolen treasure from a fearsome dragon.

Along the way are adventures with Trolls and Elves, a battle with Goblins, and an infamous game of "Riddles in the Dark" with a creature named Gollum, from whom Bilbo acquires a most peculiar ring. This prelude to Tolkien's celebrated *Lord of the Rings* trilogy is a literary classic for all ages, full of extraordinary characters, imagined for the stage in a theatrical quest that takes audiences from the gentle hills of the Shire to the shadows of the Lonely Mountain.

The Hobbit stars multi-talented NWCT Artist-in-Residence John Ellingson as Gandalf the Grey and young Aidan Jung as Bilbo, both of whom appeared most recently in NWCT's *Goodnight Moon*, along with R. David Wyllie as Gollum, Kisky Holwerda as The Elven Queen, and NWCT favorite Erik James as Smaug the Dragon. Matthew d'Amato plays Thorin, King Under the Mountain, and Genevieve Anderson is The Great Goblin..

The Hobbit ensemble of dwarves, elves and trolls is lead by guest director Bruce Hostetler, and includes Emily Bryan, Madison Howard, Blake Peebles, Peter Elgee, Tony Tannenbaum, Carolina

Beachwood, Joshua Christian, Shannon Jung, Natalie Hovee, Mallory Oslund, Violet Trachtenberg, Florence LeBas and Ellie Nakamoto-White.

Tolkien's intricate descriptions of Middle Earth are a theatrical designer's dream. The worlds of *The Hobbit* are brought to life by an award-winning design team including an original soundscape by Rodolfo Ortega, costumes by Mary Rochon, scenic design by Jeff Seats, lights by Roger Monroe, scenic painting by John Ellingson and props by Molly Stoddard.

The Hobbit plays May 1-24, 2009. Show times are Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. *The Hobbit* is most enjoyed by audiences ages 6 and up.

Join NWCT for Special Events! Grandparents' Day: Saturday, May 2; \$2 off for grandparents. Family Date Night: Friday, May 8; dinner one hour before the show (6 p.m.) from Elephant's Catering. Price does not include tickets for the show. For more information call 503-222-4480.

The Hobbit is sponsored by The Standard: Positively Different!, The Collins Foundation, Regional Arts and Culture Council/Work for Art, Oregon Arts Commission and K103. Over 5,000 school children will join Bilbo on his adventures through Middle Earth over twelve student matinees.

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