



J.R.R Tolkien's
THE HOBBIT

by **Edward Mast**
Adapted from **J.R.R. Tolkien's** novel

Directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos
Assistant Directed by Ryan Kimble

MARCH 15-24
Addison Theatre Centre
Studio Theatre

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

Produced by special arrangement with
The Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Illinois.

CAST

BILBO BAGGINS

Beatrix Wezwick

Maddie McInnis

THORIN OAKENSHIELD

Kaz Hill

Nate Oldham

GANDALF

Allison Wright

Madeline Knoff

BALIN

Holden James

Renee Neleson

GOLLUM

Chloe Miller

Eli Gibson

GLOIN

Kate Sadogurskaia

Olivia Stoner

SMAUG

Achilles Witt

Ash Pickett

BOMBUR

Amber Kimble

Kylie Bell

BARD

Fin Jayroe

Willa Jones

FILI

Connor McNee

Joshua Neleson

MAXWELL

Kensley James

Sarah Asif

BIFUR

Louisa Rice

Paige Kocsis

DORK

Jessie Brae Sta Maria

Lukas Newham

DORI

Henry Scott

Melody Copeland

DOOF

Elyza Ordone

Juan Erives

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Sarah Asif (Maxwell/Man) is a sixth grader at Marion Elementary. This is her third show with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite previous roles include the Duchess in *Alice in Wonderland* and Big Kid 1, 2, 3 in *Matilda Jr.* Outside of theater, she enjoys hanging out with friends, singing, and archery. She would like to thank Mr. J for trusting her with this role and her family for encouraging her.



Kylie Bell (Bombur) is 11 years old and attends Harrington Elementary. This is her fourth Outcry production. Kylie's past roles include Pearl in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, Caterpillar in *Alice in Wonderland*, and Grandma Georgina in *Willy Wonka*. When she is not performing she loves to read, draw, play video games, and spend time with her friends. Kylie is also active in her Girl Scout troop. Kylie would like to thank the parents that helped with this show, especially the parents that helped come up with the wonderful costumes.



Melody Copeland (Dori/Ori) is in first grade at Saigling Elementary School. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. She started out in the audience of past Outcry Theatre productions where she quickly fell in love with acting. When not on stage, she likes to play softball, ride her bike, spend time with her cousins, and act out her own dramatic productions at home. She would like to thank all of her family and friends for supporting her dreams.



Juan Erives (Doof) is in sixth grade at Wilson Middle School. This is his eighth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of his favorite roles include the Dormouse in *Alice In Wonderland* and Gander in *Charlotte's Web*. When Juan isn't on stage, he likes to play guitar and read. Juan would like to thank his family and friends for so much support. He would like to say a huge thanks to Mr. J for putting this masterpiece of a show together.



Eli Gibson (Gollum) is in sixth grade. This is his seventh production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His past roles have been Mike Teavee in *Willy Wonka*, Gurgle in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, Nigel in *Matilda Jr.*, Charlie in *Anne of Green Gables*, Mr. Bunce in *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, and Drake in *Annie Jr.* Offstage, Eli likes to tell jokes, play video games, and perform improv. He would like to thank Ms. J and Outcry Theatre for this opportunity, and his family and friends for supporting his love of performing.

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Kaz Hill (Thorin) is a 14-year-old aspiring actor. This is his fourth Outcry Youth Theatre production. He takes inspiration for his acting from high-emotion movies like *Saw*. In his free time, he likes drawing, singing, and spending time with his cats. He works hard to make sure his performances are better every single show.



Holden James (Balin/Dwalin) is extremely proud of being a part of Outcry Youth Theatre. This will be his seventh performance with Outcry. One of his favorite performances was Mike Teavee in *Willy Wonka* directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos. When he's not at rehearsal, he loves to play video games and to spend time with his family. He would like to thank Jason Johnson-Spinos for giving him the opportunity to be in Outcry's production of *The Hobbit*.



Kensley James (Maxwell/Man) is excited to join Outcry's production of *The Hobbit*. Kensley is in the sixth grade, and she is enjoying the fast-paced world of drama. This is her seventh show at Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite performance was as the White Rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland* directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos. When not at rehearsal she loves to spend time with her friends and family. She would like to thank Mr. J for giving her the opportunity to perform in *The Hobbit*.



Fin Jayroe (Bard/Warrior) is in eighth grade at Griffin Middle School in The Colony. This is his first production with Outcry Youth Theatre! Some of his favorite past roles in school productions include Martin Lowy in *And a Child Shall Lead* and Harris Carrol in *Lafayette No. 1*. When not on stage, he enjoys being the mascot for his school and skateboarding. He would like to thank his large fan club including family, friends who are like family, and teachers who introduced him to the world of theater.



Willa Jones (Bard/Warrior/Goblin) is in sixth grade at Wilson Middle School. This is her third production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Willa's favorite past roles include The Escapologist in *Matilda Jr.*, The Caterpillar in *Alice in Wonderland*, and High School Girl in *Hairspray*. Willa is in theater at Wilson and is in rehearsals for *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse*. She also loves being in Girl Scouts, crafting, singing, improv, and animals. Willa would like to thank Mr. Jason for this opportunity.

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Amber Kimble (Bombur) is 11 and is currently in sixth grade at Schimelpfenig Middle School. This is her fifth Outcry show, and her fourth show with Mr. J. Some of her favorite past roles include Young Elsa in *Frozen Jr.*, Bubbles/Sheldon in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, and March Hare in *Alice in Wonderland*. Outside of theater, she loves reading, swimming, video games, and drawing. She would like to thank her family and friends, and everyone who has helped with the show.



Madeline Knoff (Gandalf) is a 13-year-old eighth grader who enjoys playing sports and the bassoon. Her favorite past roles with Outcry Youth Theatre include Leanne in *Puffs*, Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland*, Gill in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, Miss Honey in *Matilda Jr.*, and Grand High Witch in *The Witches*. She is grateful for her family and friends' love and support. She would also like to thank Mr. J and the cast and crew for this extraordinary adventure.



Paige Kocsis (Bifur/Bofur) is in fifth grade at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. When not on stage, she competes with Express Cheer Dallas and will travel to Worlds in April. Paige loves to read and enjoys traveling. She would like to thank her Dad for driving her across Dallas every night, Jason for being flexible with her crazy schedule, and her mom for encouraging her.



Madeline McInnis (Bilbo) is a freshman at Clark High School. This is her eighth Outcry show and seventh with Mr. Jason. Her favorite past roles include Marilla in *Anne of Green Gables* and Miss Honey in *Matilda Jr.* In her free time she enjoys playing flute and singing. She would like to thank her parents for their support, her friends for giving her wonderful memories, and Mr. J and the cast for making her last "J Show" special.



Connor McNee (Fili/Kili) is in fourth grade at Sewell Elementary School. This is his first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite Broadway production is *Six*. When not on stage, he likes to create YouTube videos. He would like to thank his Natnat for loving support, Cassidy, Kayla, Alex, and Ben for encouragement and practicing with him.

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Chloe Miller (Gollum) is in seventh grade at Westwood Junior High. This is her third production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland* and Amanda Thripp in *Matilda Jr.* In Chloe's free time, she enjoys drawing, playing her viola, and hanging out or playing video games with friends. Chloe would like to thank her family and friends for their endless support, Mr. J for his casting and direction, and the whole cast and crew for making this a wonderful experience.



Joshua Neleson (Fili/Kili) is in fifth grade at Hosp Elementary School. This is his second performance with Outcry Youth Theatre. Previously he performed in *Annie Jr.* When he's not acting, he enjoys practicing jujitsu, playing piano, video games, and watching TV. He would like to thank his cat for all his support. He would also like to thank his parents for this opportunity.



Renee Neleson (Balin/Dwalin) is in eighth grade at Pearson Middle School. This is their fourth stage production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Previously Renee performed in Outcry Youth Theatre productions of *Alice in Wonderland* (White Rabbit), *Matilda Jr.* (Sergei) and *Annie Jr.* (Bert Healey). When not on stage, Renee enjoys sewing, animation, and baking. Renee would like to thank their parents and cats for all of their love and support.



Lukas Newham (Dork) is in fifth grade. This is his third production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His last role was Grandpa George in *Willy Wonka*. When not on stage, he likes to participate in Boy Scouts and play video games. He would like to thank Mr. J and Ryan for their great direction and his friends and family for their support.



Nate Oldham (Thorin) is a freshman at Heritage High School. This is Nate's 11th Outcry show and some favorite past roles have been Augustus Gloop in *Willy Wonka*, Gill in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, Bruno in *The Witches*, and Wilbur in *Charlotte's Web*. As a member of the J-Squad, he looks forward to more shows. When he's not on stage he's on the field in marching band. Nate would like to thank his family for their support and Mr. J for trusting him in this process.

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Elyza Ordone (Doof) is in third grade at Boyd Elementary School. This is her sixth production with Outcry. Her past roles have been Sheep in *Charlotte's Web*, Molly in *Annie Jr.*, Fox Child 4 in *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, Minnie May in *Anne of Green Gables*, and Rose/Five in *Alice in Wonderland*. She loves playing with her sister Elisse and friends Jenelle, Tanaya, and Zaedey. She thanks Mr. Jason, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Perrault, Coach Dobson, Mrs. Raecher, Tito's, Tita's, Ms. Trevino, and her family for the love and support.



Ash Pickett (Smaug/Goblin) has participated in three productions with Outcry Youth Theatre. Previous roles included Cheshire Cat from *Alice in Wonderland* and Acrobat from *Matilda Jr.* When they are not on stage, they like to draw and talk to their friends. Ash would like to thank their childhood obsession with dragons for giving them advanced knowledge for their role.



Louisa Rice (Bifur/Bofur) is 10 years old and in fourth grade at Gulledge Elementary. She is excited to be in her second production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Louisa's previous role was Rose/Five of Hearts in *Alice in Wonderland*. She loves to read, rollerblade, build Legos, and craft during her free time. Louisa would like to thank Mr. J for his support and the opportunity to be a part of this fun adventure! She looks forward to taking on more challenging roles as her skills grow.



Kate Sadogurskaia (Gloin/Oin) is in fifth grade at Saigling Elementary School. This is her third production with Outcry Youth Theatre. When not on the stage, she likes to dance, hang out with friends, and travel. She would like to thank Mr. Jason for giving her such an amazing opportunity to participate in this play. And, of course, she is grateful to her Mom and Dad.



Henry Scott (Dori/Ori) is in fifth grade at Richardson Heights Elementary. This is his first theater production. When he is not acting, Henry loves playing video games, basketball, and taking care of his lizard, Turbo.

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Jessie Sta Maria (Dork) is 10 years old and a fourth grader at Vaughn Elementary School. This is her fifth production at Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Orphan in *Annie Jr.*, Fox Child 3 in *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, Young Ruby in *Anne of Green Gables*, and Tiger-Lily/Seven of Hearts in *Alice in Wonderland*. Offstage, Jessie loves to call her friends, play at their house and her house. She would like to thank her family, friends, and Mr. J for allowing her to be in *The Hobbit*.



Olivia Stoner (Gloin/Oin) is a fourth grader at Centennial Elementary. This is her third production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past role is Tweedle Dee in *Alice in Wonderland*. When not on stage, she enjoys basketball, riding her bike and dancing. She would like to thank her parents for supporting her through this journey.



Beatrix Wezwick (Bilbo) is in fifth grade at Richardson Heights Elementary. This is her tenth show and her favorite past roles include Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*, Young Diana in *Anne of Green Gables*, and Louise in *Sunday in the Park with George*. She is a Girl Scout and a member of the local council media team. Beatrix would like to thank her friends, family, and beloved cat, Neptune, for the love and support, Mr. J for trusting her with this challenging role, and Maddie for being an amazing double.



Achilles Witt (Smaug/Goblin) is in eighth grade at The Einstein School. This is their first production with Outcry Youth Theatre but fourth time on stage. Their favorite past roles include Miss Shields in *A Christmas Story* and Hades in *The Lightning Thief*. When not on stage, they like to write, drum, sing, and train their service dog, Samwise. Being a part of *The Hobbit* has meant so much to them. They would like to thank Mr. J for giving them the opportunity.



Allison Wright (Gandalf) is in 7th grade at middle school in Allen. This marks her eighth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite characters so far are Mr. Wormwood in *Matilda Jr.* and Bruce in *Finding Nemo Jr.* Outside of theater, Allison is involved in various activities such as Hope Squad, Pals, playing for her Curtis MS Basketball Team, and being an avid member of her youth group at Sloan Creek. She would like to thank her family, friends, Mr. J, and Ms. Becca for their continuous support and encouragement.

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Jason Johnson-Spinos (Director) is Outcry's Marketing Director, where he is also a teacher, director, and designer. Jason is a graduate of Elon University, with degrees in Theatre Studies and Cinema Communications. As a documentary film editor, he has edited numerous features, shorts, and museum films. He has designed Off-Broadway for *Texas in Paris* (sound/projections) and *Lonesome Blues* (sound). This is the twentieth youth production Jason has directed at Outcry!



Ryan Kimble (Assistant Director) is a 17-year-old high school graduate from Plano Senior. This is his 13th show with Outcry, and his fourth with Mr. J. Some of his favorite past roles include Warbucks (*Annie Jr.*), Mr. Isaacs (*The Picture of Dorian Gray*), Marlin (*Finding Nemo Jr.*), and Polonius (*Hamlet*). He would like to thank all the actors and parent volunteers who worked diligently on this show to make it truly... precioussssss!!!! Break a leg everyone!

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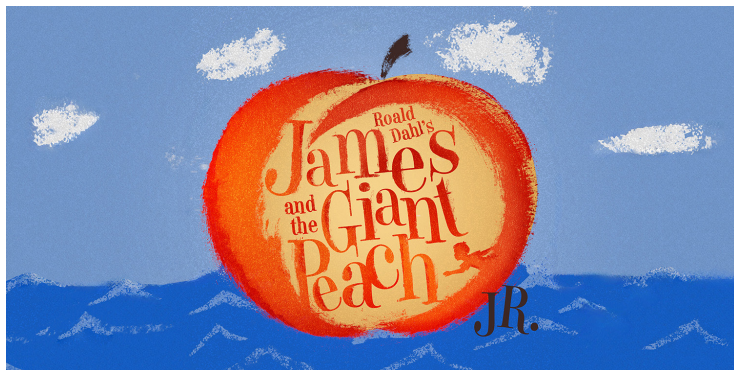
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Words and Music by **Benj Pasek & Justin Paul**

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Based on the book *James and the Giant Peach* by **Roald Dahl**

Ages 7-15

Auditions **May 13 & 15, 2024**

Camp Dates **July 8-19, 2024**

Performs **July 18-21, 2024**

Cox Playhouse in downtown Plano
directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos

When James is sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that results in a tremendous peach... and launches a journey of enormous proportions. Suddenly, James finds himself in the center of the gigantic peach, among human-sized insects with equally oversized personalities, but after it falls from the tree and rolls into the ocean, the group faces hunger, sharks and plenty of disagreements. Thanks to James' quick wit and creative thinking, the residents learn to live and work together as a family. The dangerous voyage is a success, but the adventure takes a whole new twist once they land on the Empire State Building.

SUMMER CAMP AUDITIONS



Music and Lyrics by **Richard M. Sherman & Robert B. Sherman,**
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Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics by **Will Van Dyke**

Book and Additional Lyrics by **Cheryl Davis**

Based on the stories of A.A. Milne and the 2011 Disney Animated feature film

Ages 5-12

Auditions **May 13 & 15, 2024**

Camp Dates **July 29-August 2, 2024**

Performs **August 2-4, 2024**

Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre

directed by Benjamin McElroy and Jason Johnson-Spinos

Disney's *Winnie the Pooh KIDS* is a delightful show based on the beloved characters of A.A. Milne and the 2011 Disney animated feature film. Featuring favorite songs from the film, as well as new hits by the Academy Award-winning Robert and Kristen Lopez (Frozen), this honey-filled delight is as sweet as it is fun.

Welcome to the Hundred Acre Wood, where *Winnie the Pooh* is once again in search of honey. Along the way, he meets his pals, Tigger, Piglet, Rabbit, and Owl, but soon discovers that Christopher Robin has been captured by the mysterious Backson! As they prepare for a rescue operation, the animals learn about teamwork, friendship and, of course... sharing snacks.

UPCOMING PRODUCTION



by William Shakespeare

Performs **April 25-28, 2024**

Cox Playhouse in Plano

directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

Perhaps William Shakespeare's greatest and most beautiful comedy, A Midsummer Night's Dream is full of love, whimsy, and magic. The play revolves around three sets of overlapping characters. There are four warring lovers. Lysander and Hermia are in love, but Hermia's father has betrothed her to Demetrius. Helena loves Demetrius, even though he pursues Hermia. Lysander and Hermia escape into the Athenian woods to escape the tyranny of their parents, followed by Demetrius and Helena. When they are discovered by a group of meddling fairies, romantic hijinks ensue. Already within the woods, there is a group of amateur actors - led by the bombastic Nick Bottom - who are rehearsing for a play. There is a fairy couple, Oberon and Titania, who are also at war. Their fairy servants, including the famous Puck, meddle in the affairs of both humans and fairies - mix up love potions, turn people into donkeys, and generally cause chaos. At the end of a long night of magic and merriment, who will love who, and will it seem more real or more like a dream?

UPCOMING PRODUCTION



Book, Music, and Lyrics by **Lionel Bart**
Freely adapted from **Charles Dickens'** *Oliver Twist*

Performs **June 27-30, 2024**
Lewisville Grand Theater, Huffines Performance Hall
directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos
music directed by Cindy Johnston

Consider yourself at home with Lionel Bart's classic musical based on the Charles Dickens novel, Oliver Twist. The Tony and Olivier Award-winning show is one of the few musicals to win an Academy Award for Best Picture and is widely hailed as a true theatrical masterpiece by actors and audience members alike.

The streets of Victorian England come to life as Oliver, a malnourished orphan in a workhouse, becomes the neglected apprentice of an undertaker. Oliver escapes to London and finds acceptance amongst a group of petty thieves and pickpockets led by the elderly Fagin. When Oliver is captured for a theft that he did not commit, the benevolent victim, Mr. Brownlow takes him in. Fearing the safety of his hideout, Fagin employs the sinister Bill Sikes and the sympathetic Nancy to kidnap him back, threatening Oliver's chances of discovering the true love of a family.

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Outcry Theatre utilizes bold artistic vision, highly physical staging, and an energetic and visceral performance style. With rigorous rehearsals, tenacious attention to detail, and unwavering dedication to excellence, Outcry Theatre focuses on developing stellar performances and exceptional storytelling.

Outcry Theatre serves the Plano community and surrounding DFW area through professional productions, readings of new works by local playwrights, and the Outcry Youth Theatre program, educating students ages 5-18.

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