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May 13    GHS Band Concert    7:30 PM
May 14    GMS Choir Concert    7:00 PM
May 15    GHS Choir Concert
           6:00 & 8:15 PM
May 16    Dirty Dozen Brass Band 7:00 PM
May 20    GMS Band Concert    6:30 PM
May 21    GHS Jazz Concert    7:30 PM
May 22    GMS/GHS Orchestra    7:00 PM
May 29    Baccalaureate    7:00 PM
June 1    Graduation    3:00 PM

“The Hobbit”

Based on “The Hobbit”
by J.R.R. Tolkien

Adapted from the Screenplay
by Romeo Mueller

Original Music by Chris Hansen

Lyrics by J.R.R. Tolkien

Program & Poster Art by Mr. Alan Lee

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Costuming made possibly by a grant from GYAC.
1977 was a big year for me. I was introduced to major fantasy worlds that have stuck with me till today, one was Star Wars and the other was Middle Earth and the world created by J.R.R. Tolkien. It would be much later that I would understand that the modern fantasy of Jedi Knights could not exist without the earlier adventures of Bilbo Baggins, a company of Dwarves and the enigmatic wizard, Gandalf. The audience of 2008 is very familiar with Hobbits and Wizards, thanks to the movie magic of Peter Jackson. But in November of 1977 saw the premier of the animated version of 'The Hobbit' by Rankin and Bass on NBC, and for many this was the introduction to Tolkien and his work. To an impressionable Elementary School student, Bilbo, Gollum and company were wonderful new characters to learn about, and I quickly begged my parents to take me to the book store to pick up a copy of the book. I still have my dog-eared paperback of "The Hobbit" which I treasure.

For our final production of the 2007-2008 season, we are very pleased to transport our large cast of Middle School and High School students to Middle Earth, and take you along for the ride. At the beginning of this season, we let audiences enjoy the musical magic of "Footloose." Magic struck again as our One Act, "Bury The Dead" had the dead tell their tales, and take our students all the way to State Festival. Now, we end the season with the magic of a piece of literature that was written in 1936 as a serialized children's story.

Our journey to visit Smaug the Dragon at the Lonely Mountain would not be possible without the tireless work of some students. In particular, Becky Rytlewski has moved her own mountains to let us have a peek at the old Dragon. Thank you, Becky, and all of the students both backstage and onstage who have labored over this show. I also need to thank Daniel Hanson, my new assistant, for his tireless work at GHS this year. Without Mr. Hanson’s labors, this production would not have come together in the great way that it has. Our production of “The Hobbit” is our most technically challenging since "A Christmas Carol" in 2005. Many of our Seniors have been working on our shows since before then, and this is their final production. Thanks go to those students for their work on this show, and all of the other fine productions mounted during their time here at GHS.

Chris Chapman
Co-Director, Production Designer
**Cast**

Bilbo Baggins
Gandalf the Gray
Gollum

**Dwarves**

Throrin Oakenshield
Dwalin
Balin
Kili
Fili
Dori
Nori
Ori
Oin
Gloin
Bifur
Bofur
Bombur

**Goblins**

Azog the Goblin King
Ugluk
Radug
Lagduf
Grishnak
Shegrat
Bolgol
Gorgol

**Dwarves**

Jake Loomis
Scott Scripture
Lizzy VanderLaan
Ivery Boelens
Max MacDermaid
Megan Smith
Meagan Draper
Deziray Lincoln
Taylor Bretzke
Dominique Zamarron
Devin Howes
Tiffany Miller
Victor Stout

**Goblins**

Sam Moss
Nicole Atwood*
Hannah Clifford
Ben Gardner
Andrew Timman
Kiristi Jenkins
Judy Naffziger
Jordan Smith

**Forest Elves**

Thranduill the Elf King
Luthien
Finduilas
Regnor the Elf Captain
Galion
Mithreels
Agilas

**Humans**

Matt Custer
Sam Prosser
Garrett Taylor

**Mountain Elves**

Eitrold
Arvedhel
Indis
Elwen

Also appearing as Forest Elves

Anna Ralph
Taylor Christiansen
Heidi Peterson
Amanda Stowells

Members of ITS Troup #6024
Ten years ago “Annie” kicked off the opening of the Greenville High School Performing Arts Center. Since then, the theater program has grown through the vision and support of the Greenville School District and the Greenville Community. During these 10 years, many lives have been influenced and changed because of the opportunity given students to be a part of events in this facility under the leadership of dedicated staff.

“Annie” was a mix cast of high school and middle school kids. So, it seemed fitting on this 10th anniversary, we again present a mix cast of students in "The Hobbit." For many of the middle school students, this is their first production on the “big stage”. They have worked hard and risen to our expectation and beyond. For some of the high school students, it is their last production. We will miss their leadership, creative talents and reliability on stage and back stage.

As you will see this is a technical show from beginning to end. With the exceptional imagination and creativity of Mr. Chris Chapman and his crew, you will be taken on an unbelievable journey to middle earth. This production makes it easy to understand Tolkien’s story on the futility of war. For the past eight weeks, behind the scenes, Mrs. Cheryl Willard has kept things rolling as well as holding things together. It is my privilege to work with both of them and to be a part of “The Hobbit.”

Special thanks to the cast and crew. We appreciate your hard work, energy and dependability. Thanks also, to the parents for letting us be a small part of your kids lives. We are sure this will be a memorable theater experience for them.

During this production, we hope the cast and crew will have many great memories and blessing. And that they will be proud to say, they were a great part of this milestone production.

Enjoy the show,
Ruth U. Hansen
Co-Director