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**Valley Youth Theatre holds auditions for:  
The Hobbit**

(Phoenix , September 17, 2003) – Auditions for Valley Youth Theatre’s production of *The Hobbit* are Monday, November 17 and Tuesday, November 18 at 5 p.m. at VYT’s theatre in downtown Phoenix, 525 N. First St. (southeast corner of First and Fillmore Streets).

Anyone aged 7 and up is welcome to audition. Applicants should bring a photograph clearly showing their face, and a resume of past theatrical experience, if applicable (past stage experience helps, but is not a requirement). In addition, each applicant should be prepared for a cold reading. For more information about auditions call 602-253-8188 or visit [www.vyt.com](http://www.vyt.com).

Directed by Matt Proschold, VYT’s Associate Director of Education & Outreach, *The Hobbit* runs January 23 through February 8, 2004 at Valley Youth Theatre. Before Frodo’s famous journey to destroy the Ring, Bilbo Baggins lived his own adventure with the legendary wizard Gandalf. Based on Tolkien’s story, Bilbo battles evil and danger in this prequel to the popular “Lord of the Rings” movies. J.R.R. Tolkien’s *The Hobbit* dramatized by Patricia Gray. This dramatization of *The Hobbit* is authorized by Professor J.R.R. Tolkien and produced by arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company.

Valley Youth Theatre is a non-profit organization that targets youths aged 7 – 19 for participation in and attendance at quality live theatre productions. Its positive impact on youth provides them with lifelong lessons through a wide range of performing arts opportunities. VYT is an award-winning theatre company voted “Rep’s Best Place to Get Your Child Into Show Biz” in 2003, “Arizona Parenting’s Favorite Children’s Theater” in 2003 by both the readers and editors of the magazine and received 13 ariZoni Awards for theatrical excellence in the 2002-2003 season. Valley Youth Theatre is supported in part by the Arizona Commission on the Arts with funding from the State of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts. Partial funding also is provided by the Phoenix Arts Commission through appropriations from the Phoenix City Council.

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