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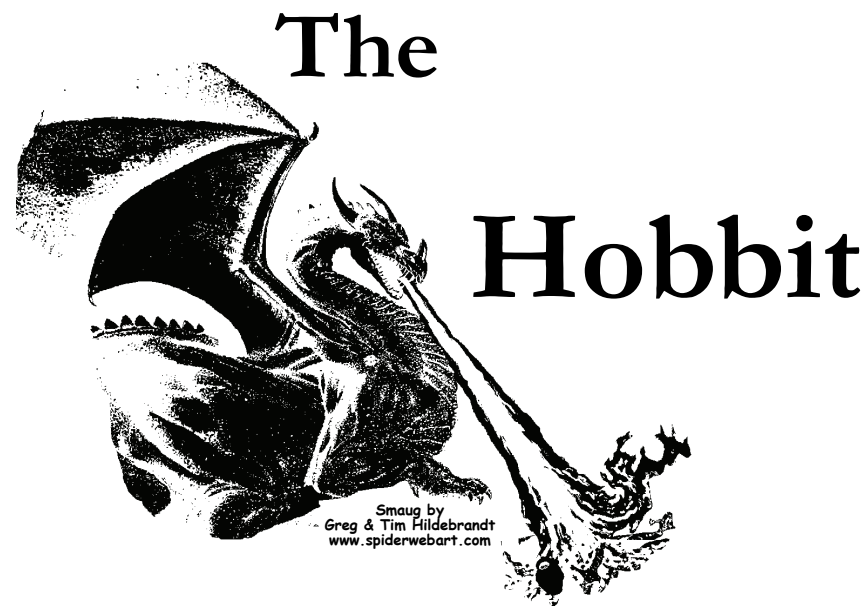
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Join us for our exciting 2001-2002 season!

As the oldest chartered community theatre in Mississippi, Vicksburg Theatre Guild has offered live theatre for over fifty years, first on the original Playhouse stage on Bowmar Avenue and now at our Parkside Playhouse location. Our 2001-2002 season promises to be filled with fantasy, fun, mystery and intrigue, with a healthy dose of romance thrown in for good measure. Our members play an important role in continuing that tradition. We hope you enjoy the 2001-2002 season at **your** theatre.

Vicksburg Theatre Guild
presents...



Dramatized by Patricia Gray
This dramatization is authorized by Professor J. R. R. Tolkien

9-11, 16, 17 November 2001

Parkside Playhouse
Vicksburg, Mississippi
601-636-0471

<http://www.vicksburg.com/~sparky>
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From the Directors

The directors discovered they had a mutual admiration for the genius of Professor J. R. R. Tolkien shortly after they met and were wed in 1973. *The Hobbit*, written in 1937, brings to life in words a fantasy land full of elves, trolls, goblins, dragons, wizards, and of course, Hobbits. Vicksburg Theatre Guild hopes you enjoy our dramatic presentation of Middle Earth and a story of a reluctant Hobbit who, in helping the dwarves recover their treasure stolen by the evil dragon Smaug, finds a magical ring that plays a large role in the Professor's follow up book *Lord of the Rings*. We want to thank all the cast, staff, and support personnel who worked diligently long hours making this production a reality. Many are listed in this program and at www.vicksburg.com/~sparky, VTG's website for *The Hobbit*. Thanks to the families who gave their support to participating family members. Special thanks to Tim and Greg Hildebrandt for letting us use their fabulous Smaug artwork for t-shirts and publicity. Thanks everyone for making the magic reality.

Earlene & Barry McCleave

Remaining 2001-2002 VTG Season

The Robber Bridegroom

A musical set in Mississippi
directed by the Resio's
Auditions: 1 & 2 December 2001
15-17, 22, 23 February 2002

ROMEO AND JULIET

The Shakespearean classic
directed by Jason Fairchild
Auditions: 17 & 18 February 2002
10-12, 17, 18 May 2002

Gold in the Hills

An 1890's melodrama
produced by Barry McCleave
Auditions: 5 & 6 January 2002
15, 16, 22, 23 Mar; 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 Apr
5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 Jul; 2, 3 Aug 2002

Fairy Tale Theatre 2002

Youth theater produced by Jo Beth Britt
Auditions: early May 2002
27-30 June 2002

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Programs

If you have comments or suggestions about our Programs or Newsletters, please contact Mike Calnan at 601-636-0471 or MCalnan@vicksburg.com

Our Season

The Hobbit is the second exciting offering in this season of live entertainment from the Vicksburg Theatre Guild. We hope that you enjoy this season and will attend our remaining performances.

2001-2002 subscriptions began August 1, 2001. Contact Mike Calnan through the box office if you wish to subscribe. Season subscriptions offer significant savings over individual ticket prices.



2001-2002 Season

Individual Subscriptions

Regular Individual.....	\$35
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Family Angel (2 adults + children)....	\$160
Benefactor (6 adults).....	\$225

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Student (college and under)	\$7
Senior Citizen (55 & over).....	\$10
Adult.....	\$12
Gold in the Hills (child/adult).....	\$5/\$10

2001-2002 Season subscriptions start in August and include all four main-stage productions, *Gold in the Hills*, and *Fairy Tale Theatre*.

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In the wings...

Auditions for **The Robber Bridegroom**

The Robber Bridegroom is a mythical story of Mississippi in the late 1700's. Set in the once-thriving town of Rodney along the Natchez Trace, this was a time of fond bragging, brigands, and beautiful belles. Written with incredible wit and wisdom by Mississippi's own Eudora Welty, this play has become a classic throughout the U.S. It is especially pertinent here in Vicksburg since it provides a fascinating glimpse into a fairy-tale version of our local past. The music ranges from beautiful ballads to foot-stomping production numbers, all under the artful direction of JoAnne Ryan, a local guitarist with nationally recognized talent. We guarantee that you will leave with a smile on your face!

Directors Don and Kathryn Resio will hold auditions on **1 December** from 3-6 pm and **2 December** from 4-6 pm for a cast of 20 adults, high school age and older, plus 6 children, age 7 and older. Most roles require singing and dancing. There are 5 men and 2 women in leading roles, and 11 speaking parts with the cast on-stage for the entire show. Musicians will be needed for the bluegrass musical score. Call-backs will be 16 December at 5 pm.

Wanted: Fairy Tale Theatre 2002 Directors

Applications for student directors (minimum age of 16) as well as apprentice directors (minimum age of 12) should be mailed to Jo Beth Britt, 2205 Mount Alban Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180. Your letter of intent should include a brief description of your theater experience. These must be postmarked no later than **31 December**. For more information about Fairy Tale 2002 contact Jo Beth Britt at 601-638-8952 or jbbtr.seren.shel@usa.net. Adults who are interested in helping should also contact Ms. Britt.

Auditions for *Gold in the Hills*

Auditions for all parts will be held on **5 January** from 10-12 am and **6 January** from 3-5 pm. We especially need more pianists! We still have a few souvenir shirts, mugs, and garters left for sale. Get these classy mementos before they're gone!

Visit *Gold in the Hills* on the Web at <http://www.vicksburg.com/~gold>



Auditions for William Shakespeare's **ROMEO AND JULIET**

Far and away the world's most famous love story, *Romeo and Juliet* is not only a play which reminds us all of the power and danger of romantic love; it is also a play that celebrates its triumphs and its trivialities.

Open auditions will be held at Parkside Playhouse on **17 and 18 February** from 6 to 8 p.m. for a cast of approximately 25, high school age and older.

For more information, please contact Director Jason Fairchild at 601-636-5021 or jason@domesofa.com.

Setting

Long time ago in the quiet of the world, Bilbo the Hobbit is persuaded by Gandalf the Wizard to begin a great adventure. Accompanied by a band of Dwarves, they travel from Underhill through the Wilderland to the Lonely Mountain. Along the way, they encounter Trolls, Goblins, and

Cast

Bilbo	J. C. Patterson
Gandalf	Mark Jourdan
Gollum	Bert Douglas
Essie	Millie Worthington
Bert	Robert White, Jr.
Tom	Nathan Grodowitz
Thorin	Phil Thornton
Dwalin	Josh Talley
Balin	Karen Calnan
Dori	Patrick Chaussé
Nori	Kody Armstrong
Ori	Reed Whitney
Kili	Mery Rose Worthington
Fili	Paul Worthington, Jr.
Oin	Joshua Chaussé
Gloin	Melinda Morang
Bifur	Jered Lambiotte
Bofur	Buddy Fortner
Bombur	Rebecca Nelson
Grocery Boy	Harold Mosley
Elf Queen	Meggie Welch
Elf Guards	Emilee Booth, Heather Calnan, Chara Grodowitz, Danielle Mosley, Kameron Smith
Elron's Elves	Mary Alyce Chiarito, Nikki Jobe, Chelsea Morris
Great Goblin	Talitha Mosley
Goblin Attendant	Ashlea Mosley
Goblins	Kevin Arredondo, Zach Booth, Daniel Chaussé, Joshua Dixon, John Joseph McKellar
Hobbit Children	Sonia Rose Arredondo, Piper Booth, Cicily Rose Chiarito, Ashtin Giambrone,

was the shoemaker's wife in the *Shoemaker and the Elves* at school last spring. She's danced for five years with Teresa George's school of dance, and she takes guitar and piano lessons. Her hobbies include singing, cheering, climbing trees, and animals. She is in the 2nd grade at St. Francis.

Ryan Van Den Akker (Hobbit Child). Ryan is 8 years old and attends Bowmar Elementary School. He plays the Paperboy and Little Tommy in *Gold in the Hills*, and has participated in Fairy Tale Theatre for two years. He is a Boy Scout and volunteers with the American Red Cross.

Barry McCleave (Director/Set Design Team). Barry has a PhD in Electronic Engineering from MS State University. He is the Producer of *Gold in the Hills* and plays Hiram Stanley. Other VTG roles have included a bungling pirate in *Peter Pan* and Rodrigo the bungling assistant pirate in *Babes in Toyland* (type casting). He and Earlene have directed Fairy Tale Theatre, including *The Worst Witch* which they adapted to stage by special permission of the author, Jill Murphy.

Earlene McCleave (Director/Costume Director/Set Design Team). Earlene, currently the VTG Costume Director, has helped backstage in many productions contributing to the design look of the stage. She is currently employed as a manager of the VWSE Federal Credit Union and VTG has given her an opportunity to exercise her Interior Design BFA from MS Univ. for Women.

Marie Cunningham (Stage Manager). "Miz Marie" has been with VTG for more than 3 decades. Her time on-stage varies—8 minutes (*No time for Sergeants*) to hundreds of hours directing *Ten Little Indians*. Her professional career as a musician has a new side—*ABC Piano Tuning*. Husband Byran excels in set construction and son Alex is the tornado-in-residence at VTG.

Brady McKellar (Costume Design). A graduate of the University of Southern MS with a degree in theatre performance, Brady decided to pursue his master's in costume design. Originally from Vicksburg, Brady spent many, many years on the VTG stage, and is glad to be designing for it now.

A.J. Johnson (Set Design Team/Tech). AJ, a 10th grader at VHS, has been involved in VTG since 1995 and is most often to be found working on the lights or backstage. This summer he appeared on stage as the derelict in *Gold in the Hills*. AJ has been involved with almost every main stage production of VTG since last year, most recently with *Into the Woods*. When he can be torn away from the theatre, he likes to hang out with his friends and play video games.

Ashley Johnson (Set Design Team/Tech). Ashley, a 10th grader at VHS, has been involved with VTG since 1995, mostly in Fairy Tale Theatre. She worked tech in *Life with Father*, *Ten Little Indians*, *Into the Woods*, and *Gold in the Hills*. Ashley

2001-2002 VTG Board of Directors

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Mary Alyce Chiarito (Elron's Elf). This is Mary Alyce "Palace's" first role since *Anne of Green Gables* in Fairy Tales. She's a 7th grader at St. Al's and a native Texan. She enjoys reading, gymnastics, dance, dreaming of owning horses, helping wake her sister up most mornings, and negotiating for computer time with her parents.

Nikki Jobe (Elron's Elf). Nikki has been in many VTG productions, most recently *Jungle Book*, and she dances can-can for *Gold in the Hills*. She attends the 6th grade at Warren Central Intermediate, and plays clarinet in the band. Nikki enjoys playing piano and taking voice lessons.

Chelsea Morris (Elron's Elf). Chelsea is a 7th-grader at VJHS and an international star, having done modeling and TV in Korea. This is her first VTG play.

Talitha Mosley (Great Goblin). After being in the wings for a number of years, Talitha recently took to the stage in a major role as Lizzie in *Gold in the Hills*. She is an O.B. Technician at River Region Medical Center, and she inherited the Mosley jinx from her daughter, Danielle.

Ashlea Mosley (Goblin Attendant). Ashlea recently starred as *Snow White* for Fairy Tales and was in *Joseph* as "the dancer in the black boots who did awesome splits!" Ashlea works for American Auto Insurance Company in Vicksburg.

Kevin Arredondo (Goblin). Kevin performed as Oliver in *Oliver!*, and was in *Godspell*, *Wizard of Oz*, and *Gold in the Hills*. He is an authority on Looney Tunes, and currently attends Vicksburg Intermediate as a fifth grader.

Zach Booth (Goblin). Zach, a 7th grader at St. Al, has been with VTG since kindergarten as Tommy in *Gold in the Hills*, and in *The Man Who Lost the River*, *Oliver!*, Fairy Tale Theatre, and the Children's Chorus of *Joseph*. His favorite roles have been Mogli in *The Jungle Book* and the bratty child in *The Nerd*. Zach also enjoys dancing, reading, all electronic devices, and playing baseball.

Daniel Chaussé (Goblin). Daniel attends WCJHS and was in *Oliver*. He is in Future Educators of America.

Joshua Dixon (Goblin). Josh is in the 7th grade VJHS. His interests include band and soccer. This is his first play.

John Joseph McKellar (Goblin). John Joseph has been in many plays. In the eighth grade, he was Wintrop in VHS' *Music Man*. He is currently in the tenth grade and plans to work backstage for VHS' spring play *Bye Bye Birdy*.

Sonia Rose Arredondo (Hobbit Child). Sonia Rose has been in *Oliver!*, *Godspell*, and *Gold in the Hills*. She's in the 3rd grade and loves to dance, draw, and paint.

Piper Booth (Hobbit Child). Piper, a 2nd grader at St. Francis, made her debut in the Children's Chorus of *Godspell*. She has appeared in Fairy Tale Theatre in *Peter Rabbit* and *The Jungle Book*, and also enjoys being on stage for dance and playing the piano. However, her favorite thing in the world to do is to play with Sailor, her 20-month old cousin, or with her friends.

Cicily Rose Chiarito (Hobbit Child). This is "Cicile Whistle's" first VTG role since stinging as a bumblebee in the 2000 Fairy Tale Theatre. She's a 3rd grader at St. Francis, loves to stay up late at night and sleep in the morning. When awake, she enjoys school, reading, gymnastics, dance, practicing judo with her dad, PB&J sandwiches, and playing with her friends.

Ashtin Giambrone (Hobbit Child). Ashtin's debut was in *Godspell*, and she



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Production Staff

Directors	Barry & Earlene McCleave
Stage Managers	Marie Cunningham, Cody McKellar
Costume Design.....	Brady McKellar
Costume Directors.....	Earlene McCleave, Terry Welch
Hobbit Children Costumes....	Beth Martin
Goblin Costumes	Heidi Chaussé
Costume Materials.....	Joan McKellar
Makeup Directors	Bert Douglas, Garrett Wallace
Character Art Director.....	Yvette Mangum
Weaponry Director	Mike Grodowitz
Backdrop Art Directors	Leah Johnson, Anne Page
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Lighting Design	Gabriel Miller
Lighting Directors	Jo Beth Britt, Gabriel Miller
Set Design Team	Lance Abbe, Randall Allen, Kody Armstrong, Alexandra Clausner, Heather Clausner, Chris Davis, A.J. Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Leah Johnson, Barry McCleave, Earlene McCleave, Rebecca Nelson, Anne Page, Garrett Wallace, Robert White, Jr., Robert White, Sr.
Artwork/Set Design.....	Jessica Morris
Smaug Design Team.....	David Johnson, Erik Johnson, Leah Johnson
Technicians	Heather Clausner, Chris Davis, AJ Johnson, Ashley Johnson, David Johnson, Erik Johnson, Leah Johnson, Kelly McGrath, Lindsey Morgan, Elysia Raphelt, Justin Turner
Makeup Assistant	Courtney Phillips
Gandalf Magic Design	Jim Karel
Mailbox Design	Margie Morgan
Props	Christine Ferris
Crown Design	Mery Rose Worthington
Wig Styling.....	Dana Faye
Troll Jackets.....	Worthington Family
Programs & Photography	Mike Calnan
Lobby Decorations.....	Barbara Hill
Reception	Terri Booth, Dorothy Nelson

Cast & Production Staff Biographies

J.C. Patterson (Bilbo). JC, a Madison resident, is delighted to be back in his hometown. He's a writer/producer/voice talent at WLBT TV-3 and has appeared in many radio/TV spots. JC is an avid reader and freelance book critic. He's worked with theatres in central Mississippi for over 20 years. His favorite roles include Van Helsing in *Dracula*, Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Charlie in *The Foreigner*, Rick in *The Nerd*, and half the residents of Greater Tuna. Directorial duties include *Crimes Of The Heart*, *Noises Off*, *The Dining Room*, and *The Actor's Nightmare*. JC thanks Brenda and Sean for their patience and dedicates his performance to Bill Seay.

Mark Jourdan (Gandalf). Mark moved to Vicksburg from Missouri in 1983. He is a Research Hydraulic Engineer at the US Army Engineer Research and Development Center with a BS and MS from University of Missouri Rolla, and a PhD from Texas A&M. He started his stage career in 1996, playing Kris Kringle in *Miracle on 34th Street*. Since then has had parts in *Fools* and *Ten Little Indians* and also plays Big Mike in *Gold in the Hills*. Mark has three wonderful children.

Bert Douglas (Gollum/Makeup Director). Bert has a certain panache for playing villains, as seen in performances with numerous theatres in the Jackson area. His favorites include Hornbeck in *Inherit the Wind*, Jonathan in *Arsenic and Old Lace* and David in *The Foreigner*. His classic roles include Malvolio in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, Cleante in *Tartuffe* and Sorin in *The Seagull*. Bert is also handy backstage with lights, sounds, and makeup. (Check out his Gollum creation!) When not taking photos at the UMC School of Dentistry or terrorizing Hobbits, Bert enjoys a *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* marathon or reading a good horror novel.

Millie Worthington (Essie). Millie is 17. Although this is her first main stage role, she is a veteran of numerous performances in Fairy Tale Theatre. She is an avid fan of Anime, the Japanese cartoon.

Robert White, Jr. (Bert/Set Design Team). Robert is a home-school Senior. This is his 7th year with VTG. He has directed and performed in Fairytale Theatre and was the boatman in *Ten Little Indians*.

Nathan Grodowitz (Tom). Nathan has been in numerous VTG productions, including *Joseph* and *The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Godspell*. Outside of theatre, he enjoys playing guitar and bass, and is currently the bassist for *Total Sound*.

Phil Thornton (Thorin). Phil moved to Vicksburg from Florence in 1998. He recently debuted as Slade in *Gold in the Hills* and worked backstage in *Oliver!*. He works for Warren-Yazoo Mental Health. His interests include fishing, camping, and Ole Miss football. Phil wants to thank his wife Elizabeth Lee Thornton (AKA Betty Lee) for her understanding, support, and help.

Josh Talley (Dwalin). Josh, a sophomore at St. Al's, is a 3-year veteran of Fairy Tale Theater. *The Hobbit* is his first main stage appearance. When not working on his theatre skills, he tinkers with miniatures, reads (Sci-Fi and Fantasy), and collects anything to do with Star Wars. This will be his last year in Vicksburg because of his family's move to South Bend, Indiana next summer.

Karen Calnan (Balin). Karen teaches 2nd grade at St. Francis. She has appeared in *Joseph*, *Oliver!*, and *Gold in the Hills*, and the movie *Oh Brother Where Art Thou?* She grades school papers in her spare time.

Patrick Chaussé (Dori). Patrick is a sophomore at Warren Central and is on the swim team. He takes *tang soo do* karate. He has appeared in *Lil' Abner* and *Oliver!* and did tech for *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Kody Armstrong (Nori/Set Design Team). Kody was in *Oliver!* and has also been in fairytale theatre. He enjoys hanging and designing lights for the theatre, in-

cluding lights for *Into the Woods*. His main interest is tech.

Reed Whitney (Ori). Reed is a freshman at St. Al's. He's been in *Annie*, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, *Life With Father*, *Oliver!*, and Fairy Tale Theater. He moved here from Baltimore in 1995, and has been involved with the theater ever since. Reed likes painting and drawing, traveling, animals, acting, tennis, and computers. He hopes to be a Hollywood actor or a veterinarian.

Mery Rose Worthington (Kili/ Crown Design). This is Mery Rose's first time acting, but by no means her first time to perform. She is a bagpiper in a Jackson band, the *Father of Waters Pipes and Drums*. Her hobbies are reading (mostly Fantasy), writing and drawing.

Paul Worthington, Jr. (Fili). Paul has been in VTG plays for 2 years. He is working on improving his grades in Math and other subjects. While living in Florida, he was bitten by a garden snake and given the nickname "snake bite."

Joshua Chaussé (Oin). Joshua is a senior at Warren Central. He has appeared in *Lil' Abner* at and did tech for *The Nerd* and *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Melinda Morang (Gloin). Melinda is a sophomore at VHS. Her hobbies are karate, theater, reading (especially fantasy books), board games, riding her bike and travel. She has been involved in Fairy Tales since she was 10, and she did tech for *Ten Little Indians*. *Hobbit* is her first main stage role.

Jered Lambiotte (Bifur). Jered, a St. Al's Junior, is in his first VTG play. He was in *Flapper* at St. Al's, and his hobbies are soccer, reading, and computer games.

Buddy Fortner (Bofur). Buddy is a web designer at the Corps of Engineers. This is his first stage appearance since 6th grade. He has a beautiful wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Chloe (14 months).

Rebecca Nelson (Bombur/Set Design Team). Rebecca, a 10-year VTG veteran, has acted and directed on main stage and Fairy Tales and dances in *Gold in the Hills*. She is a member of WCHS Concert Choir, and a 10-year dance student with Debra Franco. A talented artist, she will attend college and pursue a career in theatre.

Harold Mosley (Grocery Boy). With 2 years of Fairy Tales and *Gold In the Hills* (Little Tommy & Paperboy) under his belt, Harold ventures to main stage.

Meggie Welch (Elf Queen). Meggie is a junior at St. Aloysius High School. She has participated at the Vicksburg Theatre Guild for eleven years.

Emilee Booth (Elf Guard). Emilee is a freshman at St. Al's and has done Fairy Tale Theatre for 7 years. She was also a tech in *Godspell*.

Heather Calnan (Elf Guard). Heather, a 7th-grader at St Al's, has appeared in *Joseph*, *Oliver!*, *Gold in the Hills*, and Fairy Tales, most recently as King Louie in *The Jungle Book*. She dances at Debra Franco's, and will be a Butterfly in the Moscow Ballet *Great Russian Nutcracker* next month.

Chara Grodowitz (Elf Guard). Chara is in the 8th grade at WCJHS. She's a 9-year VTG veteran and had a starring role in Fairy Tales' *Once Upon a Shoe* last summer. Other interests are softball, band, and choir.

Danielle Mosley (Elf Guard). Danielle has a track record in the theatre—most accidents! This is the first show she has done... but let's don't jinx her! Danielle has performed in Fairy Tales for 4 years, sang with the children's choir in *Joseph*, and enjoys doing Barbara and being a can-can dancer in *Gold*.

Kameron Smith (Elf Guard). Kameron has been in *Gold in the Hills*, as a can-can dancer, as well as Fairytale Theatre. She goes to VJHS and enjoys band and her social life. She enjoys cheering and juggling her busy schedule.

