

'The Hobbit', Plus Lunch, at CSUEB May 3

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Join a hobbit for lunch. Friends of the Arts, a support organization of the departments of Music and Theatre and Dance at California State University, East Bay, will host a Saturday, May 3 shire-inspired lunch prior to a performance of "The Hobbit" in the Studio Theatre on the university's Hayward campus, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd.

The event, which begins at 1 p.m., is open to adults and children. Participants will meet wizards, elves and furry-footed hobbit cast members. Audience members are being advised to bring a camera to take advantage of an opportunity to take photos of their children with the performers.

Based on the novel by J.R.R. Tolkien, "The Hobbit" play was adapted by Edward Mast. Ann Fajilan, CSUEB assistant professor of theatre and dance, will direct.

Event proceeds will benefit Friends of the Arts, a campus-community organization that supports university arts events and provides scholarships for students pursuing studies in art, music, theater or dance.

Ticket prices include lunch, a photo opportunity and admission to the 3 p.m. performance of The Hobbit. Tickets are \$40 for adults; \$20 for children younger than 12; and \$100 for a family package (two adults and two children).

Additional performances of "The Hobbit" are scheduled at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3. Tickets for the performance only are \$8 for general admission; \$6 for children, seniors and alumni; \$4 for students; and \$20 for a family of four.

Tickets for the play and reservations for a space for the lunch event are available by calling (510) 885-3118 or via e-mail to tickets@csueastbay.edu^[1].