

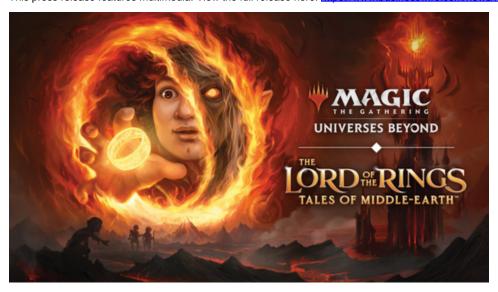
# The Lord of the Rings: Tales of Middle-earth™ Now Available

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Gather the Fellowship on Tabletop, Arena, Local Game Stores

RENTON, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 26, 2023-- Wizards of the Coast, a division of Hasbro, Inc. (NASDAQ: HAS), has released the highly anticipated Magic: The Gathering set. This Universes Beyond card set combines Magic's deep and strategic gameplay that players love with characters and settings from the classic trilogy from J.R.R. Tolkien for a one-of-a-kind experience in Middle-earth.

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With The Lord of the Rings: Tales of Middle-earth<sup>TM</sup>, players will join the Fellowship and relive or create their journey through Middle-earth. Each game is a new adventure, and players will decide whether they bear the burden of The Ring to save Middle-earth or claim its power and cast the realm into shadow.

"Much like The Lord of the Rings, Magic: The Gathering is about fellowship," said Bill Rose, global play lead for Magic: The Gathering. "We can't wait for Magic fans and new players to come together on the journey there and back again through the thematic gameplay that Magic fans all over the world have come to love and appreciate."

Iconic scenes from the Third Age of Middle-earth are brought to life through stunning original art. Each card is a mini masterpiece, providing a new interpretation of the beloved characters, lands, and relics

that Tolkien brought to life in his classic trilogy. Some adventures just can't be contained in one book or one journey.

The pivotal moments of The Lord of the Rings are so powerful, it took multiple cards to depict them in their entirety. Collectors can assemble special combinations of Magic cards to recreate climactic scenes in larger tableaus, like the Battle of the Pelennor Fields at Minas Tirith or Bilbo's Birthday party.

With thematic gameplay, like having any creature become a Ringbearer, this nostalgic tale has been seamlessly integrated into Magic: The Gathering. The story may play out very differently, and the effects of the Ring on your Ringbearer will linger even if someone else claims it.

### • One of One Ring

The One of One Ring Promotion is an extraordinarily rare promotion only for The Lord of the Rings: Tales of Middle-earth™. The card is mechanically identical to other versions of the card with English text, but this one copy of this premium foil card with raised gold foil will be inserted into an English language Collector Booster pack and printed with 1 of 1 numbering and with Elvish script. The precious One Ring could fall into the hands of any player, presenting a unique opportunity for collectors and fans of the franchise.

#### Sol Ring

Additional collectable opportunities continue with new Sol Ring art cards featuring the Elven, Dwarven and Human Rings of Power, each with Elvish script and unique framing on the card. As a staple in the Commander format, Sol Ring is one of Magic's most famous and used cards, making these unique versions highly desirable for collectors and players alike.

### • Ringbearer

As the Ringbearer, the One Ring changes the abilities of a creature that has been tempted by its power. It immediately becomes legendary and can't be blocked by creatures with greater power. In time, The Ring's other abilities will provide valuable combat bonuses, increasing in power as The Ring Tempts You mechanic enters into the game through other cards.

### • Celebration Weekend and Arena Play

The Lord of the Rings: Tales of Middle-earth™ is available now. Local game stores in the Wizards Play Network (WPN) will be hosting key events to celebrate the launch. Participating game stores will welcome new players into the fellowship in a celebration event weekend on July 7-9, so anyone can learn to play Magic in a relaxed environment. All WPN events can be found using the <u>Wizards Store Locator</u>.

The Lord of the Rings: Tales of Middle-earth™ is also available now on Magic. The Gathering Arena in Alchemy and Historic formats.

For more information on The Lord of the Rings: Tales of Middle-earth™, visithttps://magic.wizards.com/en/products/the-lord-of-the-rings-tales-of-middle-earth.

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