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Asmodee and Office Dog Games Announce *The Fellowship of the Ring: Trick-Taking Game*

Roseville, MN – September 23, 2024 – Asmodee and Office Dog Games today announces *The Fellowship of the Ring: Trick-Taking Game*, the third release from the newest Asmodee North America studio, releasing in January 2025. The card-based co-operative game, designed by Bryan Bornmueller, includes stunning stained-glass inspired artwork of J. R. R. Tolkien’s iconic characters, locations, and items.

Following the first novel of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Fellowship of the Ring: Trick-Taking Game* includes 18 chronological chapters. Players assume the roles of beloved literary characters with unique abilities and work together to complete each character’s objectives for each adventure. With player modes for 1-4 players and continuous play, games are fast-paced and deeply replayable.

“With *The Fellowship of the Ring: Trick-Taking Game*, I wanted to innovate one of my favorite genres of games [trick-taking] while adapting one of the greatest stories of all time,” says Bryan Bornmueller, Game Designer. “This combination means that the rules that you encounter tell the story of *The Fellowship of the Ring*, faithfully represent all the classic characters, and evoke every memorable moment from the novel. The cooperative element of the game makes it great for people new to trick-taking games, while the increasing challenge of the chapters makes it perfect for even the most seasoned of trick-takers.”

Set to release in 15 languages around the world in January 2025, the game will be pre-released in English at PAX Unplugged in Philadelphia, PA on December 6, 2024.

The Lord of the Rings is the intellectual property of Middle-earth Enterprises, licensed to Office Dog Games for the creation of *The Fellowship of the Ring: Trick-Taking Game*.

About Office Dog Games

Office Dog is a gamer's best friend. Founded in 2022 as Asmodee North America's developmental studio, Office Dog works directly with community game designers and developers to bring fresh new titles to the Asmodee catalogue. With a passionate focus on the hobby market, Office Dog games aim to meet gamers where they are with relevant themes and engaging experiences.

For more information: <https://officedoggames.com/>

About Asmodee

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Thanks to its global and passionate workforce of over 2,500 people, players around the world enjoy one of the largest board game IP catalogs with CATAN, Ticket to Ride, Dobble/Spot it!, Exploding Kittens and 365 more across a variety of physical and digital platforms.

Headquartered in France (Boulogne-Billancourt), Asmodee operates across Europe, North America, South America and Asia.

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