

Over at his official Facebook page Peter Jackson has released an announcement not only confirming that Luke Evans will play Bard and Benedict Cumberbatch will voice Smaug the Dragon but revealing that Evangeline Lilly has also joined as new character, Tauriel. Jackson also announced that Dame Edna Everage's alter ego Barry Humphries will be playing (via motion capture) and voicing the Goblin King.. Here is the announcement in full.. Yikes! I can finally get back to some postings! We've finished our first block of shooting and moved straight into location scouting. More on that soon... But today, I'm thrilled to announce two new cast members who will be joining us for our second block of shooting. Evangeline Lilly will be playing a new character—the Woodland Elf, Tauriel. Her name means 'daughter of Mirkwood' and, beyond that, we must leave you guessing! (No, there is no romantic connection to Legolas.) What is not a secret is

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