With its make-believe once-upon-a-time setting, “Shrek, the Musical” is the story of a hulking green ogre who, after facing persecution his entire life, retreats to a remote location in hopes of being left alone. A cast of fairy-tale characters encountered by the unlikely hero include Peter Pan, Pinocchio, a Mad Hatter, a white rabbit, Humpty Dumpty and others.

Trinity High School to present ‘Shrek, the Musical’

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TRINITY — Audience beware. There is an ogre in the Trinity High School theater. But he’s not the villain in Thespian Troupe 4305’s production of “Shrek, the Musical” set to open on Friday.

The Tony award-winning musical, based on the Oscar winning animated film, will inspire and delight audiences as they journey with our unlikely hero, an unwilling heroine and a wisecracking sidekick. Aided by a mob of fairy-tale creatures, they battle a short-tempered bad guy to find truth, love and happiness.

Cast member Les McKinney feels that the audience will connect with the musical’s engaging lyrics, as well as its theme.

“What I connect with in this story is it’s about not living life by a set book of rules and it’s ok to not always be like everyone else,” he said. “Shrek is a funny story, but has a more secret meaning of accepting yourself for who you are.”

“This musical is primarily a struggle for acceptance and unity among people who are seen in the story as outcasts,” said Brian Bowland who stars as Shrek. “It’s really nice to see everyone get so pumped about this musical. I come in and there’s always some kind of energy, and that energy is infectious.”

As for Kayla McClure, her favorite part about participating in the musical is getting to sing and sharing her vocal talent with others.

“Shrek, the Musical” is sure to be a memorable Trinity production marking the 49th year of annual spring musicals.

Showtime is 7 p.m. on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19; and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 20. General admission tickets are $10, $5 for students, and may be purchased at the door or online at www.trinityhighschooltheater.org.

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