~ THE CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE ~

LoudspeakerNuri Adams-Davies **Syme**Anthony Howarth

Parsons Emily Heyworth

Winston Smith

Messenger

Coffee vendor

Guard

Jon Clark

Vix Searle

Laura Kelly

Jenny Archer

O'Brien Andy O'Brien

Julia Eleanor Lynch

Big Brother Rohan Shenoy

Emmanuel Goldstein Tony Morgan
Gladys Rebecca Hall

Landlord Barry Pritchard

Guard Martins Laura Kelly
Café waitress Vix Searle

~ Synopsis of the action ~

Act 1

Scene 1 MINITRU—the Ministry of Truth. London. Morning.Scene 2 Winston's room in Victory Mansions. Months later.

Act 2

Scene 1 Attic room above a shop in the proletarian area. A week later.

Scene 2 O'Brien's apartment. Weeks later.

Scene 3 The attic room. Weeks later.

Act 3

Scene 1 A cell in MINILUV, the Ministry of Love. Immediately after.

Scene 2 Room 101. MINILUV. Months later.

Scene 3 The Chestnut Tree Café. One year later.

Nineteen eighty-four

Two quotes from Orwell's appertain to the novel and are still very relevant in today's world ~

"Every war when it comes, or before it comes, is represented not as a war but as an act of self-defence against a homicidal maniac."

"If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear."

Published in 1949, Nineteen eighty-four was a product of Orwell's personal political experience. He saw it not as prophecy, but as warning of the potential perversion of bureaucracy, the state and power. He insisted that it was anti-corruption per se, not solely an attack on the Left. Yet many on the Left regarded it as a personal betrayal.

Orwell went to Spain in 1937 intending to write articles about the Civil War but became actively involved, joining the anarchist militia, POUM. His experiences within POUM, then Stalin's betrayal and crushing of it and the resulting Fascist victory, all made Orwell aware of the contradictions of official appearance, doctored news, class conflict, and the basic human desire for power. All these themes are evident in the novel.

~ The Crew ~

Director Mick Bowden

Set designer & Advertising Jon Clark

Film, sound & light designer Annie Wallace

Stage managers Jenny Archer & Juliet Ashton

Wardrobe Helen Bowyer & Vix Searle

Front of House Helen Bowyer & Players

Music advice & Special painting Rob Hall

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