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'1984' At Williamston Theatre

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WILLIAMSTON -- Williamston Theatre takes a turn at classic literature with the Michigan premiere of 1984 by George Orwell, adapted by Michael Gene Sullivan.

Based on the iconic novel by George Orwell, 1984 brings us the story of Winston Smith, a cog in the giant machine state of Oceania. Winston has been caught struggling for scraps of love and freedom in a world awash with distrust and violence. With the brutal "help" of four Party Members, Winston is forced to confess his Thoughtcrimes before an unseen inquisitor, and the audience - which acts as a silent witness to his torture. A ferocious and provocative adaptation of one of the most prescient works of literature of the last century, 1984 asks: "What does it mean to be an individual?" "What does it mean to be human?" (Contains mature language/content)

The cast of 1984 consists of Tobin Hissong, Curran Jacobs, John Leopard, Robin Lewis-Bedz, Brandy Joe Plambeck and David Wolber. The director is Williamston Theatre's artistic director Tony Caselli. The production features scenic design by Kirk Domer, lighting design by Shannon Schweitzer, costume design by Holly Iler, sound design by Jason Painter Price and props design by Michelle Raymond. The stage manager is Paige Conway.

Performances begin Thursday, March 23 and run through Sunday, April 23.

1984 begins with five preview performances starting Thursday, March 23. During the first four previews audience members will have the opportunity to take part in the process of creating a show by participating in a talkback session with the director following each performance. The official opening night is Friday, March 31 at 8:00 p.m. with the show scheduled to run through Sunday, April 23.

Tickets can be purchased Tuesday-Friday from 12:00-6:00 p.m. at 517-655-SHOW (7469) or on the website at <http://www.williamstontheatre.org>.

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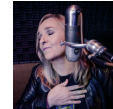
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