

George Orwell's 1984

OCTOBER 21-23

10:00 a.m. 2 hours,15 minutes (including intermission) Grades 9-12 Aquila Theatre The renowned 20th century classic offers innovative and thought-provoking storytelling that suits Aquila's bold physical style and inventive staging. Written near the end of World War II, 1984 depicts a society controlled by a totalitarian government with surveillance and harsh punishments for nonconformity. Technology is used as a weapon to inundate citizens with propaganda and to monitor their thoughts and actions. Michael Gene Sullivan's stage adaptation of the cautionary tale is especially relevant as people across the world grapple with issues like freedom of speech, the nature of truth, political power, privacy, and the dangers of being constantly plugged in. *Contains mature themes*. Image courtesy of Aquila Theatre

ArtSmart Study Unit Calendar Week of August 19 TA Observes the classes they will teach Friday, August 23 Completed TA Visits Schedule due Week of August 26 School Ref/CPS Monday, September 2 MNPS Teacher In-Service September 9 – October 18 (5 weeks) Schedule 3 TA visits per class Week of October 7 MNPS Fall Break Week of October 14-18 Make-up TA visit dates Week of October 21-23 **HOT Performance Dates** Week of October 28 - November 1 Optional Post-Performance TA visit Mon-Thu, November 4-7 (4 days) Unit Surveys / Arts Integration Project Reports due