

1984 – George Orwell adaptation by Michael Gene Sullivan

This adaptation picks up the story of Winston Smith after his arrest by Big Brother's agents with his isolation in the torture chamber. Winston's growing rebellion against the regime and his furtive love affair with the mysterious Julia (parts 1 and 1 from the novel) are seen only in trailer-length snippets re-enacted (play-acted) by the Party Members. O'Brien, as the leader of the Party Members does not appear until the final scenes but is a disembodied voice watching, coaching until his appearance. To remind Winston of his "crimes," the Party members re-enact events described in Winston's diary which is the evidence of his subversive impulses and actions.

There is some strong language used in the play, and some scenes of torture that are used to break Winston. There is also a simulated sex scene enacted between 1st and 2nd party members who strip to underwear. Julia also strip to underwear and acts this out at same time.

Characters:

Winston Smith – *Male 39 years (range of 20+ to 40ish okay)*

O'Brien/Voice – *Older male (but could also be cast as female) (40ish - 60ish).*

First Party Member/Winston – *Male (25+ to 40ish)*

Second Party Member/Julia/Mrs Parsons – *Female (25+ to 40ish)*

Third Party Member/Kids 2/Syme/Rally Speaker – *Male (25+ to 40ish)*

Fourth Party Member/Kid 1/Charrington/Parsons/O'Brien – *Male (40-60)*

Julia – *Female (20-30ish)*