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Saint John Theatre Company receives cheque for \$15,000 from TELUS for education initiatives related to its May production of *1984*.

SAINT JOHN – Saint John Theatre Company is the proud recipient of a cheque from TELUS, a long-time supporter of the company's education outreach initiatives including the *Classics for the Classroom* series, student visits, student discount rates, post show student discussions with cast & crew and student study guides.

The May production of *1984* is this season's *Classics for the Classroom* production. Many student



focused events have been planned around this production including *Fundy Reads 1984*, a partnership with the Saint John Free Public Library to get people reading, discussing and watching *1984*. A special student led debate – *1984 vs. The Hunger Games* - will be held at 112 Princess Street on Wednesday May 15th (5:30pm) just before the student preview performance of *1984* where students receive a discount ticket price as well as a post-show Q&A with the cast and crew. Student study materials have also been prepared for this production thanks to the SJTC Education Committee.

In the photo (left to right): Sandra Bell (SJTC Education Committee member), Corwin Ferguson (Co-Director and Technical Designer for *1984*), Stephen Tobias (SJTC Artistic Director), Karen Hatt (Stage Manager for *1984*), Judith Irving (TELUS Community Board), Dean Turner (SJTC Board President), Marcelle Gaudet (Assistant Stage Manager for *1984*) and Bernard Cormier (*1984* Radio Discussion Panel member –to air May 14th on CBC at 8:10am).

The bold new adaptation of *1984* by Canadian Playwright, Andy Thompson will be coming to Imperial Theatre May 16-18 (student performance May 15). This is a multi-media stage adaptation that imaginatively interprets George Orwell's timeless and prophetic masterpiece. For tickets please call Imperial Theatre box office at 674-4100 or purchase online.

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