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**MCTC students to perform “Animal Farm,” adapted from George Orwell’s book
*Play runs Oct. 28-31, Whitney Fine Arts Center, free admission***

Minneapolis, Oct. 15, 2009—Minneapolis Community and Technical College Theatre on the Park will present a five-performance run of the provocative play, “*Animal Farm*,” adapted by Nelson Bond from the book by George Orwell, at the Whitney Fine Arts Center (1424 Yale Place, Minneapolis) Oct. 28-31, at 7 p.m. There will be an additional matinee performance at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31. Admission is free. Audience members are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the Emergency Foodshelf Network of Hennepin County.

“*Animal Farm*” is a play version of George Orwell’s political parable, exploring the sinister trappings of power as animals of Manor Farm overthrow the human owners and set up a democratic commune in which, at first, all animals are equal.

All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others. When the animals take over the farm, they think it is the start of a world where all animals are equal and all the property is shared. But soon the pigs take control and one of them, Napoleon, becomes the leader of all the animals. One by one the principles of the revolution are abandoned, until the animals have even less of their freedom.

Time Magazine chose the book as one of the 100 best English-language novels. The original title was *ANIMAL FARM: A Fairy Story*, but “A Fairy Story” was dropped for its U.S. publication in 1946. The novel and play version address the corruption of the revolution by its leaders but also how wickedness, indifference, ignorance, and greed destroy any possibility of a Utopia.

Minneapolis Community and Technical College's production will feature 18 actors in a very challenging, and physical production directed by Michael Robertson with the interior of a barn onstage designed by Kathy Stewart. Sound design for the production is by James Oesteriech with costumes by Barbara Portinga.

About Minneapolis Community and Technical College

MCTC is the most ethnically diverse college in Minnesota. A member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, MCTC offers students more than 80 liberal arts, technical and career programs designed to prepare people for good jobs in high demand professions. Located in downtown Minneapolis, MCTC enrolls more than 13,000 students annually and is an active partner in initiatives to strengthen the social, economic and cultural vitality of the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

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