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PASADENA PLAYHOUSE UNVEILS ORIGINAL NEW MUSIC VIDEO

Los Angeles Premiere of *PASSING STRANGE*
The Tony Award-Winning Rock Musical
Celebrating its 20th Anniversary!

A collage of seven headshots of the cast members of *Passing Strange*. The photos are arranged in two rows: three in the top row and four in the bottom row. Each photo is set against a different colored background (green, blue, or red) and has a white border. Below each photo is the actor's name and role.

Actor	Role
TY TAYLOR	Narrator
BRITTON SMITH	Youth
SAYCON SENGBLOH	Mother
BRITTANY CAMPBELL	Debi, Sherry, Renata
JOHNNY LAVEIE	Christophe, Hugo, Terry, Reverend Jones
DEVERE ROGERS	Mr. Franklin Jones, Joop, Mr. Venus
TANERELLE	Edwina Williams, Marianna, Sudabey

PASSING STRANGE CAST **PASADENA PLAYHOUSE**

PASSING STRANGE

book and lyrics by STEW
music by STEW and HEIDI RODEWALD
created in collaboration with ANNIE DORSEN
choreographed by TISLARM BOUIE
music direction by GREG NABOURS
directed by Tony Award-winner ZHAILON LEVINGSTON

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 – Sunday, November 29, 2026
Press Opening November 8, 2026

Tickets on sale now at pasadenaplayhouse.org

PASADENA, CA (October 16, 2026) – In celebration of the Los Angeles premiere of the Tony Award-winning rock musical ***Passing Strange***, Pasadena Playhouse, the State Theater of California and recipient of the 2023 Regional Theatre Tony Award, has created two original music videos. The first, released today, features lead singer of Vintage Trouble **Ty Taylor**, who is starring in the production as Narrator alongside Broadway's **Britton Smith** (*Be More Chill*) as Youth and Tony Award-nominee **Saycon Sengbloh** (*Eclipsed*) as Mother. The second features **Brittany Campbell** and will be released at a later date.

Accompanied by the band from the show, this first of its kind music video for Pasadena Playhouse, [WHICH YOU CAN SEE HERE](#), highlights the show opener, *We Might Play All Night* as performed by **Ty Taylor** and also features **Brittany Campbell**. The entire video was shot at the Playhouse and was directed by Pasadena Playhouse Senior Director of Creative, **Omar Avedanke**.

Passing Strange with book and lyrics by Stew, music by Stew and Heidi Rodewald, created in collaboration with Annie Dorsen, begins performances November 4 and plays through November 29, 2026 (Press Opening November 8). The groundbreaking musical is celebrating its 20th anniversary during the run, having opened at Berkeley Rep in 2006 before transferring to Broadway.

The ensemble of ***Passing Strange*** includes **Brittany Campbell** (*Hamilton* National Tour), **Johnny Laveie** (Broadway's *The Book of Mormon*), **Devere Rogers** (Broadway's *Chicken and Biscuits*), and singer, songwriter, and model **Tanerélle**.

The production is directed by Tony Award-winner **Zhailon Levingston** (*Cats: The Jellicle Ball*).

In ***Passing Strange***, a young artist is *searching for the real*, but he can't seem to find it at home in South Central LA. He sets out on a cross-continental journey of self-discovery full of sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll in search of a life that's bigger, louder, and entirely his own.

Celebrating 20 years since its world premiere, ***Passing Strange*** – the Tony Award-winning Broadway sensation based on the life of singer-songwriter **STEW** – finally makes its long-awaited LA premiere. This electrifying journey pulses with raw emotion, humor, and a revelatory score. It's a full-volume coming-of-age story you won't want to turn down.

Passing Strange is presented with generous philanthropic support from Season Sponsors Ellen and Harvey Knell and Tammi and Lenny Steren.

Passing Strange is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals.
www.concordtheatricals.com

Tickets for ***Passing Strange*** are currently available at pasadenaplayhouse.org, by phone at 626-356-7529, and at the Box Office at 39 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101.

About Pasadena Playhouse

Pasadena Playhouse, the official State Theater of California and recipient of the 2023 Regional Theatre Tony Award, is one of the most prolific theaters in the country. The Playhouse has staged thousands of original productions since its founding in 1917 including premieres of works by Tennessee Williams, Eugene O'Neill, Suzan-Lori Parks and hundreds more. For decades, its pioneering School for Theater Arts was a training ground for actors and theatermakers who went on to make significant contributions to the entertainment industry. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Danny Feldman since 2016, Pasadena Playhouse's productions and community programs are centered on its founding idea of being a living force in its community, making theater for everyone.

Calendar Listing for *Passing Strange*
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Dates: Wednesday, November 4 to Sunday, November 29
Press opening Sunday, November 8 at 5:00 p.m.

Tickets: Online — PasadenaPlayhouse.org
By phone at 626-356-7529
In person — Pasadena Playhouse Box Office, located at 39 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

Performance Schedule: Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8:00 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m.; No 7:00 p.m. performance November 15, and no 7:30 performance November 26