

Pass Over by Antoinette Nwandu McClintock Theatre | November 13–16, 2025

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PASS OVER

By Antoinette Nwandu Directed by Michele Shay

With

Maurice-Aimé Green Kamran Amir Shawn Anthony

Scenic Design

Yifan Cheng They/Them

BFA Theatrical Design Junior

Costume Design

Duck Brown He/Him

BFA Theatrical Design Sophomore

Lighting Design **Elizabeth Harper** She/Her

Sound Design **Genevieve Perry** She/Her

BFA Sound Design Sophomore

Technical Direction

Duncan Mahoney

Production Stage Manager **Talia Sinder** She/Her

BFA Stage Management Senior

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CAST (In alphabetical order)



Maurice-Aimé Green

He/Him | Moses

MFA Acting Year 2



Kamran Amir не/ніт Mister/Ossifer MFA Acting Year 2



Shawn Anthony He/Him Kitch MFA Acting Year 2

CONTENT WARNING

Please be advised that this production includes depictions and discussions of racial violence, police brutality, systemic racism, gun violence, adult language, and use of drugs and alcohol.

Additional Pass Over Production Staff

Assistant Director Quamé Pierre | Dramaturg Sol Lagos
Intimacy Director Joy DeMichelle | Fight Director Edgar Landa
Production Deputies Maurice-Aimé Green, Genevieve Perry
Assistant Stage Managers May Acero, Eva Lee | Production Manager Tony Shayne
Stage Management Mentor Jenn Sarvas | Scenic Mentor Takeshi Kata
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Costume Mentor Samantha Jones | Production Engineer Sean Allinson
Sound Mentor Noel Nichols (w/Phil Allen) | Technical Crew Isla Driver,
Kris Hillesheim, Kate Moon, Ava Pursel

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Ahmed Best, Lindsey Torrey, Louis Colaianni, and David Warshofsky.

NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC TEAM

This is not a small voice
you hear this is a large
voice coming out of these cities.
This is the voice of LaTanya.
Kadesha. Shaniqua. This
is the voice of Antoine.
Darryl. Shaquille.
Running over waters
navigating the hallways
of our schools spilling out
on the corners of our cities and
no epitaphs spill out of their river mouths.

-Sonia Sanchez, "This Is Not a Small Voice"

"it is not the n***** we say as if it has no meaning, but, to me it means, "Never Ignorant Getting Goals Accomplished"

—Tupac Shakur

Oh chillun
Oh, don't you want to go
to that gospel feast
That promised land, that
land where all is peace?

-"Deep River," a negro spiritual

....and when I see the blood. I will pass over you, and The plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

—Exodus 12:13

RIP Trayvon, that n****, look just like me
—Frank Ocean, "Nikes" from Blond (2016)

This is black life in the wake; this is the flesh, these are bodies, to which anything and everything can be and is done.

-Christina Sharpe, In the Wake: On Blackness and Being

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