

A Hip Hop Musical

# LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET

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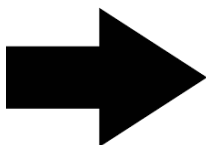


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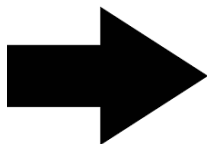
# Welcome to the Neighborhood!

***Last Stop on Market Street* is a show about a 7 year old boy named CJ.**

**This actor plays CJ in the show!**

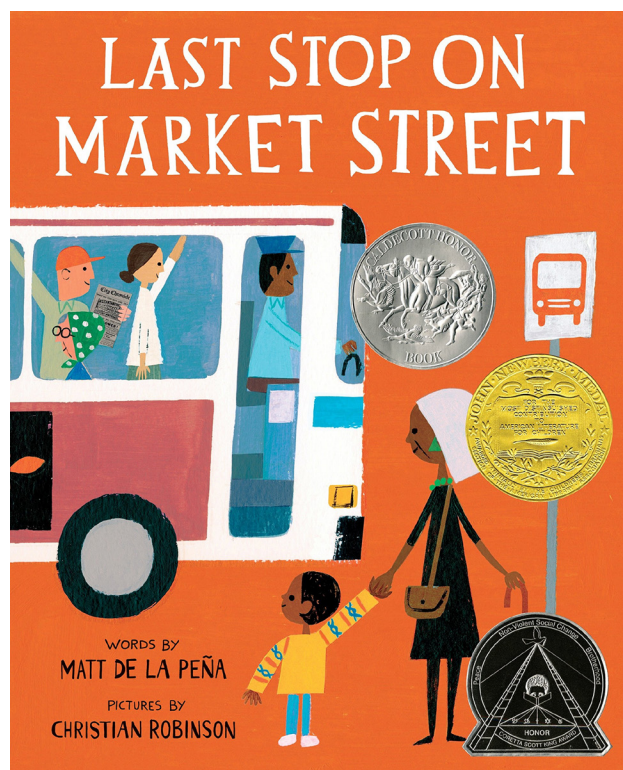


**The show is based on a book by Matt de la Peña.**

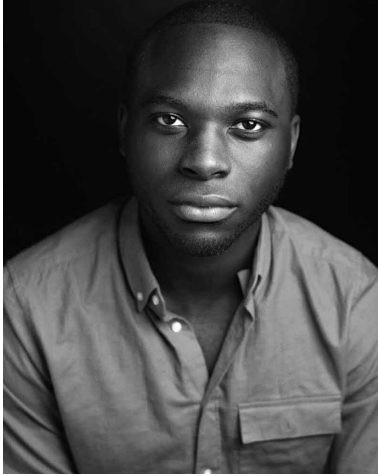


**It is an adaptation. This means the show takes the ideas and characters from the book but imagines a new way to tell the story using drama, dialogue, and music.**

**The show is a hip hop musical. It uses hip hop music to tell the story. Sometimes in the musical, different actors play different characters. Some young actors might even play an older character and some older actors may play a young character. Using our imaginations will help us enjoy the musical.**



# Meet the Cast



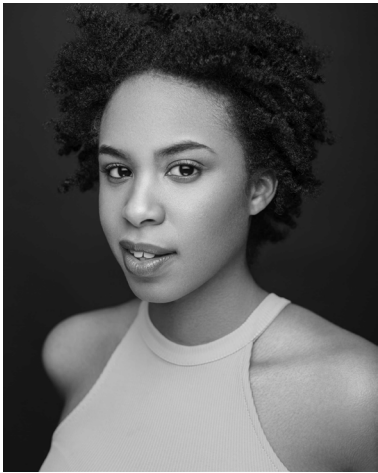
**Carl Bryant plays  
Vernon**



**Emma Claye plays  
Grandma Posey**



**Andrea Ferro plays  
Madam Butterfly**



**Kara Green plays  
Nana**



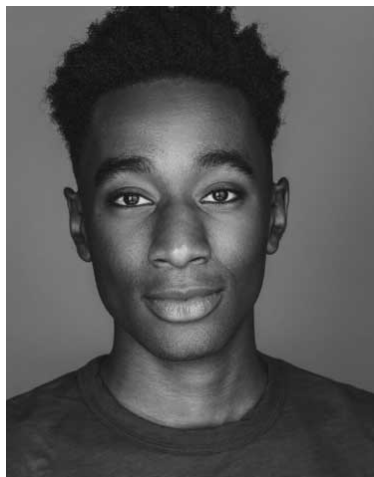
**Trevor Latez Hayes  
plays Mr. Dennis/  
Stay at home Dad**



**Felicia Santiago  
plays Jojo/Softball  
Girl #2**



**Heather Sawyer plays  
Tatted Man/Softball Girl  
#1/Mrs. Chow**



**Jaevon Williams  
plays CJ**



# In the Musical ...

CJ's parent's go on a trip and CJ has to stay at his Nana's for 96 hours. He is not happy about it. The neighborhood is new and his Nana's rules are new.

CJ and his Nana are very different:



## CJ Likes:

- Animals, so much so that he is a vegetarian
- His own house
- Playing games and watching videos on his phone

## Nana Likes:

- To have fun in the neighborhood
- Surprises
- Eating Ropa Vieja - a dish with shredded beef and tomatoes. The name means, "Old Clothes" in Spanish

## CJ Does Not Like:

- Noises on the street
- Nana's House
- When Nana holds his things

## Nana Does Not Like:

- CJ's attitude
- To hear CJ whining
- Technology

# In the Neighborhood ...

The neighborhood Nana lives in has many people who speak Spanish. They sing:

**TRANQUILITO MI COMPAY  
NOSTAS SOLITO AY CARAY  
AQUI CONTIGO AY AY AY**

This means:

**Don't worry friend  
You're not alone  
We're here with you**



## 'Cause I said so!

Nana takes away CJ's electronics. When CJ asks why she has taken them away she sings, "Cause I said so!" This makes CJ upset.

**Nana: I'm grateful-n-proud!  
CJ: I'm bored! I'm so bored, yeah!**

After Nana and CJ go to church, CJ sneaks around and finds his electronics. He steals them back from Nana and puts them in his backpack.



# Good Morning, Good Morning! Number Five On Time, On Target Headed To The Last Stop On Market!

In the play, Nana takes CJ on a city bus. On the bus they meet:

Mr. Dennis, the bus driver.



Tatted man, a man with tattoos who sings, "Whatcha lookin at?" because CJ is staring at him.



Madam Butterfly, a woman with butterflies in a jar, who talks to herself.

CJ asks if she is crazy. He doesn't know that it isn't nice to call someone crazy. Nana tells him not to. She shows him the butterflies and gives him a jar with some butterflies in it to brighten his day.



Vernon, a man who is blind. He plays the guitar and sings, "Let your ears be your eyes, keep dancing to the beat of life." CJ learns that everyone is different and sometimes a difference can be a gift.





# Careful now, watch your step. You don't want to misstep.

CJ and Nana get off the bus at the last stop. CJ looks around and is worried due to the dirty streets with garbage and broken glass. Nana helps him to see the beauty in the neighborhood too.

CJ realizes he left his backpack on the bus and is worried because the electronics he took back from Nana are in the backpack.



Nana takes CJ to the soup kitchen to volunteer. CJ says things about the people at the soup kitchen that aren't nice.

"This place is horrible and it smells...just like all these nasty, stinky looking people..."

Nana gets very upset. Two of Nana's friends, Posey and her grandson JoJo, overhear what CJ said.

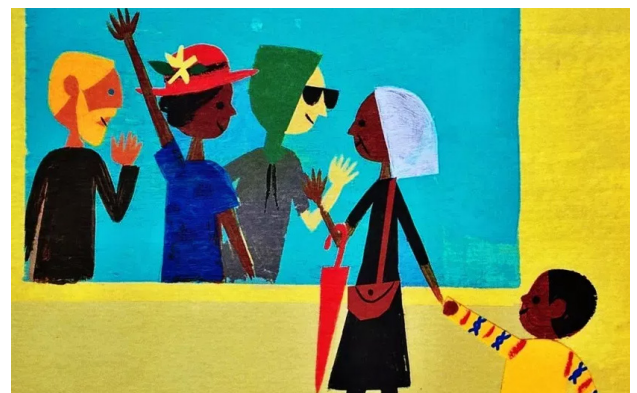
JoJo plays a trick on CJ to get him back for what he said. He makes him fall into the garbage.



Nana explains to CJ that the people in the soup kitchen are very hungry and need their help.

"Have you ever been so hungry, you'd go through a pile of garbage like this just to find something to eat, something somebody else threw away?"

CJ is kinder because he thinks about the people from a different point of view. He imagines what it must be like to be them and he understands them better.



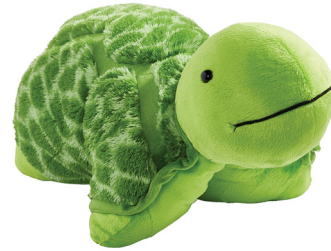
# Serving Up Love

**CJ and Nana serve food in the soup kitchen all day. It makes them feel so good to help others.**

**They sing as they serve food.**

**At the end of the day, CJ gives JoJo his special turtle pillow with his emergency money from his dad inside. He wanted to do something nice for JoJo after he learned that JoJo is homeless. CJ is a good friend to JoJo.**

**CJ tells Nana that he had a good day and that he wants to be happy like his Nana. They get on the bus to go back to Nana's house.**



# Leaving the last stop on Market Street, headed home to Grady Way.