

Trevor Noah Hosts Black Theater Night At A Strange Loop



Trevor Noah hosts talkback on Tuesday for Broadway's *A Strange Loop*, here pictured with Playwright, Composer and Lyricist Michael R. Jackson, creator of the Tony Award Best Musical; and its Choreographer Raja Feather Kelly (photo credit Avery Brunkus)

Tuesday night Trevor Noah hosted Black Theater Night on Broadway at *A Strange Loop*. The television host loves the show and has seen it multiple times. "I've now been to *A Strange Loop* four times and it's funny [but] every single time I come I feel like I'm focusing on something different, I'm learning something different and there's a different part of the play that almost gets revealed to me" said Noah. Playwright, Composer and Lyricist Michael R. Jackson, creator of *A Strange Loop*; Choreographer Raja Feather Kelly and Musical

Director Rona Siddiqui joined Noah and cast members James Jackson, Jr.; L Morgan Lee; John-Michael Lyles; John-Andrew Morrison; Jon-Michael Reese; Jaquel Spivey and Jason Veasey for the discussion.

Noah also said: “What I find interesting about it, in particular, is the first time you watch the play, for instance, you may think, depending on who you are, ‘Oh, this is a play about Black and white.’ The second time you watch it you may go, ‘Oh no. This is a play about religion and how it controls people’s lives and how it tells us how we should be or shouldn’t be.’ Then it becomes about acceptance. Each time it feels like there is a different layer. And really, the more I watch it, I realize it almost feels like a commentary on all these little prisons, all these structures, all these systems and I guess the most confining one being our minds.”

A Strange Loop will play for seven more weeks before the final show on January 15th, 2023. Michael R. Jackson’s Pulitzer-prize-winning play centers around Usher who is a queer Black writer writing a musical about a queer Black writer writing a musical.

For more information and tickets check out [A Strange Loop Musical](#).



A Strange Loop Playwright, Composer & Lyricist Michael R. Jackson (standing) with A Strange Loop Musical Director Rona Siddiqui; actors John Michael Lyles, Jon-Michael Reese, Jason Veasey and John – Andrew Morrison; Trevor Noah; A Strange Loop Choreographer Raja Feather Kelly ;actors James Jackson, Jr., L Morgan Lee and Jaquel Spivey



A Strange Loop cast and creatives backstage with Trevor Noah.

Trevor Noah To Host Black Theater Night At A Strange Loop On November 29th



Trevor Noah is hosting a special Black Theater Night at a special performance of *A Strange Loop* on Tuesday, November 30th at 7 PM ET. The talk show host and author will moderate a discussion after the performance with writer Michael R. Jackson, choreographer Raja Feather Kelly and cast members from *A Strange Loop*. Noah is a big fan of the show and said, "I was blown away the first time I saw Michael R. Jackson's *A Strange Loop* and have returned a few times since. It is one of the funniest and most poignant shows I've ever seen. I'm excited to host this special performance and to get to talk to the company about this brilliant and vital piece of theatre." The event is a way to welcome Black theatergoers but all are welcome. There are eight weeks left to see the Tony-award-winning musical which has its last performance on January 15, 2023, at the Lyceum Theater. Tickets for Tuesday's show are available www.telecharge.com (212-947-8844) or at the Lyceum Box Office. Special group rates are available

at <https://www.broadwayinbound.com/shows/a-strange-loop>.



A Strange Loop Is Leaving Broadway Early Next Year



Michael R. Jackson's Tony-Award-winning Best Musical *A STRANGE LOOP* has 14 more weeks on Broadway. The musical opened at the Lyceum Theatre on April 26th to critical acclaim. Tony Award nominee Stephen Brackett is the director of *A STRANGE LOOP*, Raja Feather Kelly is the choreographer, and Barbara Whitman Page 73 Productions, Wolly Mammoth Theatre Company and Playwrights Horizons are the producers.

A STRANGE LOOP won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and was named Best Musical by the Tony Awards the New York Drama Critics' Circle, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, Drama League, and Off-Broadway Alliance. Michael R. Jackson also won the Tony Award for Best Book of a Musical for *A STRANGE LOOP*. Jaquel Spivey was awarded the Drama Desk Award for Best Actor in a Musical, the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Actor in a Musical, and a Theatre World Award.

Jaquel Spivey stars as Usher who is a Black queer writer writing a musical about a Black queer writer writing a musical hence the uncanny identity loop. Usher uses humor and truth to transcend his self perceptions while finding his artistic voice. Creator Michael R. Jackson says, "Though *A STRANGE LOOP* is not autobiographical, it is my life's work. As such, I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to share this raw,

vulnerable, and personal story with the world and to have connected with so many enthusiastic, loving audiences. I am also indebted to the many extraordinary collaborators and institutions past and present that made the telling of this unique story possible. You each will have a piece of my heart, soul, and my loop forever.”

The show made its world premiere at Playwrights Horizons, in May 2019, in association with Page 73 Productions. In December 2021, the show had a critically acclaimed run at Washington, D.C.’s Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company prior to coming to Broadway. When the musical closes on January 15th it will have played 301 regular and 13 preview performances for audiences that have included Queen Latifah, Michelle Obama, Whoopi Goldberg and Billy Porter.

Ghostlight Records and Yellow Sound Label released the original Broadway cast recording of *A STRANGE LOOP* on June 10, 2022.

A STRANGE LOOP’s performance schedule is Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm; Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 8pm, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday at 2pm; and Sunday at 3pm. Tickets are available at Telecharge.com (212-239-6200). Digital rush tickets are available at strangeloopmusical.com/-lotteryandrush for \$55 the day of the performance. This is a first-of-its-kind digital rush on Broadway and will augment the existing lottery (\$43) and in-person rush (\$47) ticket availability.

Check out the [official site](#) for more information and follow *A STRANGE LOOP* on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube at @strangeloopbway.



Michael R. Jackson Credit: Beowulf Sheehan

Tickets To The Award-Winning Musical A STRANGE LOOP On Sale Through January 2023



Tickets for Michael R. Jackson's Tony and Pulitzer-prize-winning musical A STRANGE LOOP are back on sale until Sunday, January 15, 2023. A STRANGE LOOP opened at Playwrights Horizon in 2019 in association with Page 73 Productions. In December 2021, the show had a critically acclaimed run at Washington, D.C.'s Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company prior to coming to

Broadway.

Jackson's musical is semi-autobiographical as it addresses some of the challenges he faced coming out as a Black gay man with humor and truth. The Detroit native wrote A STRANGE LOOP over an almost 20-year period that started while he was an undergraduate student at NYU. The musical has played consistently to sold-out audiences with people like Jennifer Hudson, Whoopi Goldberg, Michelle Obama, Steven Spielberg and Queen Latifah amongst the crowd. Jackson became the first African-American to win a Pulitzer for a musical when he took home the award for Drama in 2020. A STRANGE LOOP was named Best Musical by the Tony Awards, New York Drama Critics' Circle, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, Drama League and Off-Broadway Alliance.

For more information on A STRANGE LOOP visit <https://strangeloopmusical.com/>. Follow A STRANGE LOOP on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube at @strangeloopbway.



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