

"In America"- A New Musical Tackles Hot-button Issues of Education, Immigration, Extremism and "Tax the Rich" Movement in Song & Dance

SAN FRANCISCO, January 1, 2026/PRNewswire/In America Productions LLC is proud to present a groundbreaking new musical with 18 topical and delightful songs that dares to tackle some of the most challenging issues of our day including education, immigration, extremist groups, and the **"Tax the Rich"** movement.

To introduce this exciting new work to the public, **composer/librettist Professor Hal Harper** has created a new website at www.inamericaproductions.com where visitors are invited to listen to the closed-captioned tracks from the show, read the script or sheet music if they prefer, and if they like **"In America,"** to tell a friend, family member or media platform of their choice about this compelling new work. Supporters of the musical are asked to make a contribution of \$10.00-\$20.00 to help produce this timely piece. **"With the public's support, this modern-day immigrant story might just become the first publicly funded musical to be produced in the history of the American theater. Contributions to a debut production of 'In America' are indeed welcome. With your help and support, we can get this show on the road," beams Harper.** Contributions to a debut performance can be made online at www.inamericaproductions.com/contributions.

The Story

"In America" tells the story of Mr. Johnson, a recent teaching graduate from NYU who lands his first teaching assignment, **"The Interview Song,"** as an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher to immigrants at a local community college in San Francisco, CA. The show provides a window into one aspect of immigrant life often overlooked, that of immigrants as English language students, **"Student Introduction Song"**. The opening number, **"Education,"** presents a large and diverse cast of Board of Ed members, teachers, students and **"Thug Boys"** who introduce themselves to the audience by offering their own unique views on the subject amid growing budget and anti-immigrant woes which threaten the school's future.

Outside the sanctuary of the classroom, ICE raids and Thug Boy attacks cause fear among the immigrant community while inside, the students write and sing of their **"Daydreams"**. Additionally, a beleaguered Mr. Johnson must contend with one amorous student whose romantic interest in the young teacher complicates preparations for his class's final test, one he sees as a measure of his own teaching skills, **"It's Their Big Test (Or Is It Mine?)"**.

At the “In America” interactive website at www.inamericaproductions.com visitors can:

Sing along with 18 closed-captioned songs from “In America”

- **Watch** 18 short Tik Tok music video clips
- **Read** the complete “In America” Script
- **Play** the “In America” Sheet Music
- **Contribute** to a Debut Performance of “In America” made possible from viewers like you.

Topical Song Tracks from “In America” include: *

1: **Education** - Teachers, Students & “Thug Boys” clash over the role of education.

<https://inamericaproductions.com/the-education-song/>

7: **America So Very Big** - A song of the VN “Boat People”. (The first since “Miss Saigon”.)

<https://inamericaproductions.com/america-so-very-big/>

8: **Who Are These People from Russia?** - A song of the shared immigrant experience.

<https://inamericaproductions.com/who-are-these-people-from-russia/>

9: **Thug Boys Song**- An anti-immigrant group intimidates the students.

<https://inamericaproductions.com/thug-boys-song/>

12: **Shiny Toyota Tercel** - A story of one immigrant family whose American Dream came true.

<https://inamericaproductions.com/shiny-toyota-tercel/>

13: **Daydreams** – A song for “Dreamers” of all ages and backgrounds

<https://inamericaproductions.com/daydreams/>

[Transcript of President Obama’s “Dreamers’ Speech on Immigration Policy - New York Times](#)

17: **Tax the Rich** – The teachers, frustrated by school budget cuts, entertain a new deal.

<https://inamericaproductions.com/tax-the-rich/>

* Recorded at **The Record Shop**, Nashville, TN
