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**MUSIC WITH A MISSION – STRIKING A CHORD SINCE 2010**

**WHAT:** Music With A Mission (MWAM) – *Pasadena Right Here Right Now* (Live Rock Opera)

**WHEN:** Thursday – May 28, 2026 – 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

**WHERE:** The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro St., LA, CA 90014, Guest Dining Room

**WHO:** *Pasadena Right Here Right Now* (Live Rock Opera) [PasadenaRightHereRightNow.com](http://PasadenaRightHereRightNow.com)  
Russell Mark <https://russellmarkmusic.com> is a Pasadena-based musician, composer, songwriter, and founding member of the rock band The Nextdoors. His work blends rock, chamber music, and community-rooted storytelling, focusing on the lived experiences of everyday people and places. Mark is the creator of *Pasadena Right Here Right Now*, an original rock opera for live rock band and string quartet developed in collaboration with Street Symphony and supported by an Individual Artist grant from the City of Pasadena Arts & Culture Commission. Described by local press as “a snapshot of what Pasadenans are feeling right now,” the work draws from real community voices to create what Mark calls a “musical time capsule” of the city, not the Pasadena of parades and institutions, but of checkout lines, neighbors, and everyday human connection.

**WHY:** The Midnight hosts Music With a Mission (MWAM) to entertain and inspire those living on Skid Row. Music is a survival tactic for many people dealing with life’s difficulties. MWAM is aimed at bringing our community together through music. MWAM is quite simple - musicians bring their instruments and play for our homeless and near-homeless guests. It is an intimate setting, so musicians have the opportunity to interact with our guests, answer questions, and/or talk about music and its history. We encourage musicians to invite their fan base so they can engage and enjoy music with individuals they would not normally encounter in their daily lives.

**HOW:** All are welcome, and there is no charge.

**About The Midnight Mission:** Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission offers paths to self-sufficiency to individuals and families who have lost direction. Our emergency services and 12-step recovery, family living, job training, education, and workforce development programs offer a compassionate bridge to achieve and maintain healthy, productive lives. We remove obstacles and provide the accountability and structure that people experiencing homelessness need to be productive in their communities. Our conviction and commitment to their success define us. For additional information, please visit [www.midnightmission.org](http://www.midnightmission.org).