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My Experience and One Love at an AMC Magic Johnson Harlem 9

Bob Marley: One Love is a 2024 musical film based on the life of reggae singer and songwriter Bob Marley. Good vibes, love, and peace. That is music for me. Music contribution that makes our life different. One of the reasons that motivated me to see this movie was my love for reggae, also I had to do a project for class, and I used that opportunity to watch that movie. I'm not a musician yet, but I have a little interest in music, and everything that happens in my life relates to music.

Plot of the movie

In 1976, Bob Marley announced that he would perform at a concert, Smile Jamaica, promoting peace between warring factions. While preparing for the concert, Marley, his wife Rita, and several other members of his band are shot by assailants. Rita and Marley are hospitalized but survive and recover from their injuries in time for the concert. After performing, Marley saddened that his compatriots would try to kill him and his wife, shows the crowd his gunshot wounds before leaving the stage.



Photo by Leandro Santos

When I entered the building I felt very strange and confused. I felt strange and confused because two years ago I went to another AMC where I had to scan the ticket at the entrance of the building, this time I had to go up to the third floor to be able to scan my ticket. From the first second, I entered the building, I felt lost in a field. It was very confusing because there was no person or sign saying that tickets were scanned on the third floor. At the entrance it was on the third floor, when I saw it at that moment I felt as if I had found 5 dollars on the floor, which made the pain of confusion go away.

Apart from the fact that they also released a movie, they also released a musical album with 17 songs called "One Love (Original Motion Picture)". You can find the album on different digital platforms such as YouTube, Spotify, and Apple Music among others. In the film, they produced many songs, but in my case, three songs caught my attention; songs like *No More Trouble, Is This Love* and *So Jah S'eh*. They are songs that have a good rhythm and that every time you listen to them you feel like you are going to fly; They are songs with a very tearful message in between. I recommend that you listen to those three pieces of music where you can let yourself be carried away by those rhymes where you will feel like you want to dance.

It was an experience where I relived the times of my life in the Caribbean (Dominican Republic). The message, the concept of the film, the music (Regue), the film in general. All those details called to me made me fall in love with this movie, and if I would ask myself if I would eat this movie it would be a Yes. The film, with its message of love, peace, and unity through music, resonated deeply with you and reaffirmed your connection with reggae music. The plot, centered on the Smile Jamaica concert and the impact of violence on Marley's life, moved you and made you reflect on the importance of music as a force for change and healing. My experience at AMC Magic Johnson Harlem 9 was more than just a trip to the

movies; It was an emotional and spiritual journey through the music and story of Bob Marley, leaving you with a feeling of peace, inspiration, and a deep love for music.