Movie Review
The Matrix
1999

Sci-fi action flick about saving mankind from artificial intelligence through a digital world, collaborated with award winning special effects, The Matrix is a must see film. Directed by the great pair The Wachowski Brothers.

This entertaining adventure that the movie gives you is an idea of what could be actually realistic future. Set one hundred years from now in an apocalyptic world run by robots, and humans live underground. A resistance controlled by Morphius (Laurence Fishburne) are trying to fight back and take back the planet to its original beauty. Neo (Keanu Reeves) must help save the humans from destruction, by travelling into a digital world known as the matrix. The film runs slowly to begin with, so you can get introduced to the plot and the main characters. After the intro it suddenly climates and runs at a fast pace.

Neo, who is played by Keanu reeves, is meant to be THE ONE who saves humanity. Keanu fits in perfectly for the role and his acting was believable. I would've liked to learn more about Neo's past as I feel nothing was said at all. Morphius played by Laurence Fishburne naturally fits into his role, as he always plays a strong leader who will not stop fighting. I also would've liked to learn of Morphius' past and his background.

The opening introduces the characters and ideas of the plot very effectively, giving viewers an early understanding of the film. The real world is a dark, gloomy place with no lighting, makes you feel the mysteriousness of the place. As for the matrix it also uses dark colours, but usually has lighting to brighten up the fight scenes. Through editing you see communication through the characters in the real world crossing over to the matrix switching back and forth. Slow motion really catches viewers attention through bullets flying slowly through the air, showing the way they flow. Special effects such as Morphius' ship and outside the ship are amazingly well created and it looks realistic and believable. All the characters wear dark mysterious leather jackets and sunglasses to show the darkness that they live in. The characters had a wide range of weaponry such as, pistols and machine guns were used most of the time.

The film explores the theme of one man who must save all of humanity and without him everyone will die. The theme tries to tell you that AI might be too much for humans and we shouldn't go too far with technology.

This film will appeal to teenagers from 15 up to young adults; both male and female would enjoy this film. I would rate the film four out of five stars, due to its believable storyline and action, but the only negative side is I didn't get to learn much about the characters. The film could've explored Neo's past a bit more and how he came to start communicating with Morphius.