

The Matrix

A Film Review

The Matrix is a science fiction action film made in 1999. The 60 million dollar movie was written and directed Larry and Andy Wachowski and shot in Sydney. This film is considered and recognised as one of the best films of its time, winning many awards and Oscars. The special effects are amazing in the portraying of an alternative reality. The cast contained many well known actors such as Keanu Reeves, Hugo Weaving and Laurence Fishburne. However the acting is considered to be lacking depth and high quality talent. Many believe that with an amazing action based plot and great special effects, the acting is easily sufficient and character depth wasn't needed.

The Matrix reveals the main character Thomas Anderson, played by Keanu Reeves, to be a computer programmer and secret hacker. In the computer world Thomas is known as the hacker Neo who constantly searches for Morpheus, Laurence Fishburne, believing he holds the key and the answer to the question of "What is the Matrix?"

Neo is eventually informed by Morpheus that his reality is in fact not real. It is a computer program that creates a virtual reality or dream world designed by machines. The Machines developed this program to control humans so they can use their life force for energy, thus turning the human race into batteries.

The machines that enslaved the human race also created computer programs known as sentient agents to eliminate any free humans. Morpheus believes Neo is the key to freeing all humans and therefore releases Neo from the dream world. He then learns to hack into the matrix and manipulate it, thus starting a war with the machines.

Having summarised the movie above, the quote that best describes the film is said by the character Morpheus, "No-one can explain the Matrix to you – you have to see it for yourself."