



Jet Li Remembers Aaliyah: 'Always in My Heart'

Description

Jet Li is remembering the 2000 film *Romeo Must Die*. He worked with Aaliyah, who was his co-star and love interest in the movie. Aaliyah died in a plane crash in 2001. She is still important to Li. He said, "she's still in my heart."

This year marks 25 years since Aaliyah's death. Both Li and Aaliyah were new to Hollywood when they made this film. Aaliyah was only 20 years old. She helped Li with acting. Li called *Romeo Must Die* a very important movie in his life.

After filming, Li and Aaliyah would often go to dinner. They enjoyed time with their families. Li said it felt warm and friendly.

The film tells a story based on *Romeo and Juliet*. Li played Han Sing, a former police officer. He goes to Oakland to find his brother's killer. He meets Aaliyah's character, Trish, and they fall in love.

The film made over \$90 million. Aaliyah was set to be a big star, but she died young at 22. Li believes Aaliyah lives on in people's hearts.

Vocabulary List:

1. **remembering** //rɪ'membərɪŋ// (verb): thinking about something from the past
2. **crash** //kræʃ// (noun): a sudden, violent accident, often with vehicles
3. **marks** //mɑːks// (verb): shows that a time or event reaches a point
4. **filming** //ˈfɪlmɪŋ// (noun): making a movie or recording a scene
5. **former** //ˈfɔːrmə// (adjective): having had a different job or role before
6. **character** //ˈkærəktə// (noun): a person in a story, play, or movie

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What year was the film 'Romeo Must Die' released?

Option: 1998



- Option: 1999
- Option: 2000
- Option: 2001

2. How old was Aaliyah when she died?

- Option: 20
- Option: 21
- Option: 22
- Option: 23

3. What was Jet Li's character's name in 'Romeo Must Die'?

- Option: Han Sing
- Option: Trish
- Option: Romeo
- Option: Juliet

4. How much money did 'Romeo Must Die' make at the box office?

- Option: \$70 million
- Option: \$80 million
- Option: \$90 million
- Option: \$100 million

5. Who was Jet Li's co-star in 'Romeo Must Die'?

- Option: Beyoncé
- Option: Aaliyah
- Option: Rihanna
- Option: Nicki Minaj

6. What significant event occurred in Aaliyah's life in 2001?

- Option: She won an award
- Option: She released a new album
- Option: She died in a plane crash
- Option: She got married

True-False

7. Aaliyah was 25 years old when she died.



8. Jet Li and Aaliyah were both experienced actors when they made 'Romeo Must Die.'
9. 'Romeo Must Die' is based on the story of 'Hamlet.'
10. Jet Li still remembers Aaliyah fondly and feels she is in his heart.
11. The film 'Romeo Must Die' was important to Jet Li's career.
12. Aaliyah's character's name in the film was Trish.

Gap-Fill

13. Aaliyah died in a plane crash in _____ 2001.
14. Jet Li described 'Romeo Must Die' as a very important movie in his _____
15. Aaliyah was only _____ years old when she passed away.
16. Jet Li played the character Han Sing, a former police _____ officer.
17. The film tells a story based on _____ and Juliet.
18. Jet Li recalls Aaliyah as being _____ to him.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 2000 2. 22 3. Han Sing 4. \$90 million 5. Aaliyah 6. She died in a plane crash

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. August 14. life 15. 22 16. police 17. Romeo 18. important

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