

The Smash Hit *Hamilton* Comes to National Harbor

This weekend, hundreds of people flooded to the Potomac, anxiously awaiting the Release of Lin-Manuel Miranda's *Hamilton*

Quarantine has pushed back many anticipated movies of the summer. Marvel's *Black Widow* has now been pushed to November 6th of this year, and Disney Pixar's *Soul* is now set to release at the end of November of this year.

Another excitable movie that was set to be released in theaters this year was Lin-Manuel Miranda's Tony Winning musical *In the Heights* starring Anthony Ramos as Usnavi de la Vega, a Dominican from the Latino community of Washington Heights in New York City. However, the movie is now set to release in theaters in October, though there is not an exact date of release. But with the push of this movie, many were worried that another musical of Miranda's would be overshadowed. The award winning, smash hit *Hamilton*

Lin-Manuel Miranda, however, was very smart to announce that *Hamilton* would have an earlier release date than expected. The coronavirus and quarantine had allowed Miranda to sell the rights of the musical to Disney, thus allowing the Walt Disney Company to release *Hamilton* on their streaming app, Disney+. And thus, the Hamilton hype from 2016 was reborn.

With this news of *Hamilton* released early on the Disney streaming platform, many historical sites, like Montecello and Mount Vernon, have begun hosting online watch parties in order to, not only to stop the spread of the Coronavirus, but to celebrate the untold story of one of the most influential founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton. But with the third phase of the DC, Maryland and Virginia area, the National Harbor on the Potomac has reopened and has allowed people to shop and dine as they please, still with a few restrictions. However, the weekend of the Hamilton's release, the Harbor hosted a massive watch party on the grounds, and many flocked to watch the musical on the outdoor big screen. Fans, musical lovers and bystanders all enjoyed the musical, and allowed themselves to take in the wonders of the musical.

At the Harbor, we spoke with a Hamilton fan (or a Hamifan, as they call themselves) who's been in the fandom for quite some time, Emma (who did not wish to give her last name out), and got her perspective on the movie's early release, "y'know, I never expected this, actually. I was hoping that it would be released in theaters next year for me and my friends to go and see it together. But, this is pretty cool cus now I can watch the movie as many times as I wish!

Hamilton is certainly the movie of the summer and not one to be missed.

Watch *Hamilton* on Disney+, rated PG-13, language and suggestive material included.

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