

2 Hearts

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During these days of COVID-19, the wearing of masks and social distancing point out how one person's actions can affect the lives of others. We have all heard the Dr. Seuss comment 'To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world.' This is especially significant to Chris (Jacob Elordi) and Jorge (Adan Canto), as well as their families, in the newly released film "2 Hearts."

We are introduced to two young men, Chris and Jorge who live in different parts of the world and are at least a generation apart in age. Chris is the younger of the two getting ready to start life as a college freshman. While leaving a lecture hall he bumps into the girl of his dreams Leslie (Tierra Skovbye) and falls head over heels for her. Their story, full of fun, is one of true love and funny looking shirts.

We then regress to years earlier when we meet young Jorge who loves playing soccer. He may love soccer, but during play it shows his lack of lung capacity and exposes a life-threatening condition. He learns to appreciate the life God gives him each day. Jorge is a fighter and grows into a young man active in his family's successful rum business despite his illness. While on a Pan Am flight, showing a different era from that of Chris and Leslie, he meets Grace (Radha Mitchell), a lovely flight attendant. This time it is Jorge's turn for love at first sight. He pursues Grace from one flight destination to another until she finally agrees that he is the one for her.

"2 Hearts" is two stories about different people, different times, different interests, and different lives with large doses of Hollywood fanfare laced throughout the 'true story.' None of the characters are big name actors/actresses, however, under the watchful eye of director Lance Hool the characters come alive in their roles and pull us into their stories delivering a feel good movie which requires an entire box of tissues – be prepared.

The story, though totally predictable, takes us through the ups and downs of two couples as they meet and get to know one another and find true love. When we watched the movie "Titanic" years ago, we all knew that the boat sinks, but the love story embedded in the film kept us coming back again and again. "2 Hearts" does not fall into the same caliber of film, but the embedded love story and struggles keep us involved in the story.

The only problem with 'hearts' is that eventually they tend to break taking other hearts with them in the process. It is impossible to find the silver lining without a cloud. "2 Hearts" offers both, the heartbreak, and the silver lining as the lives of Chris and Jorge become intertwined forever. On a scale of one to four Hart Beats ... I give "2 Hearts" 2 HARTS (pun very much intended). It is both sentimental and sappy, but well told.