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Video Premiere – ONEmpire “Shine a light”

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We've got a very special video premiere for you today, coming all the way from Mumbai, India and our new favorite band, ONEmpire.

The name ONEmpire may be new; but bandmates Garth D'Mello (Keyboards & backing vocals), Gavin Cason (Guitars & backing vocals), Alish Yona (Drums, Percussion & backing vocals), Loy Henriques (Bass) and Zarir Warden (Lead Vocals & Guitars) have enjoyed great success throughout India as **The Other People**. For over a decade the band toured with the likes of Saving Abel and Danish pop stars Michael Learns to Rock (MLTR). As the bands songwriting evolved, the musicians decided that a re-brand was in order.

"We wanted to use the word "ONE" which signifies unity & solidarity," explains Warden, "and because it's always been a dream to build something greater than ourselves, like an Empire, we chose ONEmpire."

With a new name and a new mission, ONEmpire set about recording a new EP, that turned out to have a surprising Canadian connection thanks to the power of the internet. While the album was recorded in Mumbai, it was produced by Ben Pelchat out of his studio Kensington Sound in Toronto. Despite the time difference, "Ben was on every single recording session over facetime or skype no matter if it was an hour or 12 hour session, he was with us for the whole experience," Warden says.

"Shine a Light" is the first single from ONEmpire's upcoming EP *Humanity*. An anthemic track with a powerful message, "Shine a light" is a reminder to those in dark places that they have the strength within them to find the light they need to go on, to find hope. With a message that powerful, the song needed a video to reflect that. So the band collaborated with the Gateway School of Mumbai, a school for specially-able kids, to give the students an amazing experience, and to create a beautiful video that truly showcases what their song is about. The band put on a live performance of the single, and the camera recorded the magic that ensued.

"Music is therapeutic in so many ways," explains Warden, "and through our song we wanted to see these kids smile, dance, sing and to forget about everything else for those few minutes and as the video shows, they did. We received the greatest compliment after shooting the video as a teacher mentioned that one of the kids who is always shy and quiet, was the one singing, moving, laughing and clapping the most," says Warden. "It was so special and when the kids feel special, we know we're doing something right."

We are so proud to premiere "Shine a light" by ONEmpire to Canada and the rest of our readers.

Check out the video* below and prepare to have your heart seriously warmed:



Keep up with ONEmpire through their website and social media below.

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"Shine A Light" video – credits and inspiration – Directed by Siddhi Patel & her company The Orange Booth. DOP's include Kaushik, Amogh & Adhiraj. Hair, make up & styling by Kyana Emmol. Lighting by Shipra Venkatesh. Script by Siddhi Patel & the ONEmpire team. The children in the video are from the Gateway School of Mumbai. And the others in the video are employees of Schbang in Mumbai.

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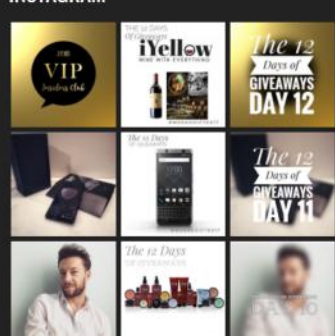
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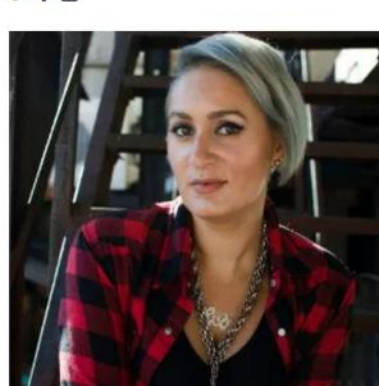
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