

## Film set to trace Bob Marley's rise to stardom

A film based on the rags-to-riches story of Jamaican reggae icon Bob Marley and his legendary Wailers band is reportedly in the works.

According to the website, [indiewire.com](http://indiewire.com), the biopic will be titled "Buffalo Soldiers" (named after one of Marley's hit songs) and will trace Marley and the Wailers' rise from their early struggles in Trench Town in the sixties to international superstardom several years later. The title of the movie and the lyrics of the Marley-penned song refer to the black US cavalry regiments, known as "Buffalo Soldiers," that fought in the American Indian War. Based on information from [Production Weekly](http://Production Weekly), [indiewire.com](http://indiewire.com) says the film will be distributed by Mandalay Pictures, with writer Barry Morrow ("Rain Man") and producer Cathy Schulman ("Crash") said to be currently attached to the project. There is no word on what the exact status of the project is, and no production details, including cast, budget and shooting location, are available as yet. The level of involvement (if any) by the Marley family, who have long championed the idea of a film about their famous founding father, is also unknown at this time. News of the forthcoming film comes two years after Academy Award-winning director Kevin Macdonald ("The Last King of Scotland") released his acclaimed feature documentary "Marley." Regarded as the definitive documentary on the life of Bob Marley, and made with the full support of the Marley family, the film featured rare footage, archival photos, and interviews with his family, friends, and colleagues. Bob Marley, Peter Tosh and Bunny Wailer formed the nucleus of the legendary group in 1963, and were subsequently joined by Junior Braithwaite, Beverley Kelso, and Cherry Smith. The group eventually disbanded, and Marley began touring with other musicians. Arguably Jamaica's most famous and best loved son, Bob Marley died of cancer at the age of 36.