'La La Land': A Glorious Movie that Succumbs to Pessimism

No movie comes more highly recommended than *La La Land*, which won more Golden Globe Awards (seven) than any other movie in history and which is now poised to sweep the Oscars (fourteen nominations). Does *La La Land*, as its admirers assert, really evoke the Hollywood of old? Is it a classic musical that spurns the irony and cynicism of modern Hollywood?