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CITIZEN KANE

USA 1941 16mm, 35mm 119 min.

Director: Orson Welles

Script: Herman Mankiewicz, Orson Welles

Producer: Orson Welles

For a variety of reasons, CITIZEN KANE has a reputation that places it in a category separate from all other American films. It is routinely considered the outstanding product of the old Hollywood studios and normally sober critics have traditionally fallen over each other in proclaiming its singular greatness. RKO (Welles' studio) and William Randolph Hearst, whose career the film reputedly addresses, were less impressed, and both did everything they could to scuttle the career of director Welles. CITIZEN KANE is what they call required viewing.

