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Rebel Without A Cause

USA. 1955.

111 minutes

Director: Nicholas Ray; Producer: David Weisbart; Principal Cast: James Dean, Natalie Wood, Sal Mineo, Jim Backus, Dennis Hopper

Director Nicholas Ray felt that REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE was his finest film, and surely it was the greatest achievement of actor James Dean's brief careerspan. Stimulating each other artistically, improvising together, they made cinema history.

Dean struck the world with his portrayal of a teenage antihero, out of synch with uncomfortably fixed parents, ready to risk death to prove his identity. With a tender, tough ("Are you always at ringside," he asks her) Natalie Wood, and Sal Mineo, a different kind of boy, he seeks a family of his own making.

The dazzling planetarium sequence is pure Ray - flashing, uncontrolled, universally riveting. Jarring the smug, somnolent aura of the 1950's, REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE holds as one of that decade's most memorable films.

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