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Sullivan's Travels

1941 B&W 90 min Universal USA

Written and Directed by Preston Sturges. With Joel McCrea, Veronica Lake, William Demarest, Franklin Pangborn

This hilarious Preston Sturges comedy is his masterpiece—the funny story of Hollywood director John L. Sullivan [Joel McCrea] who gets into an argument with the studio over his next picture. He wants to make a socially significant movie called *Brother, Where Art Thou?* while the studio moguls want him to do *Ants In Their Pants* of 1939. To prove he has the feel for heavy drama, he disguises himself and goes out amongst the down-and-out to live. His experiences are hilariously funny as he does a *King Steps Out* number with Veronica Lake, the World War II pin-up girl/actress. The opening of the movie is a marvelous parody of *Citizen Kane*, the Hollywood satire is scathing and Veronica Lake proves she's more than just a pretty face.

Awards: Ten Best of the Year

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