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A Janus Films Presentation



Orson Welles'







Orson Welles, recently on network TV, was asked what film he would save if he could save only one film in the world. His answer was Jean Renoir's GRAND ILLUSION. Most critics would probably choose to save Welles' CITIZEN KANE, now referred to as "the greatest American sound* film."

William Randolph Hearst, on whose life CITIZEN KANE is assumed to be largely based, fought against the film's presentation, forbade his employees to see it, and refused to allow any comment or reference to the film or to Orson Welles to appear in his string of influential newspapers. However, the film did change the Hearst image—bringing him sympathy instead of the defamation of character he expected. This was due to the credible and sympathetic performance by Welles in his portrayal of a multi-faceted, multi-millionaire magnate of the communications industry.

At the 1971 Academy Awards presentations, Orson Welles was given a special award for his consistently high achievement in film. CITIZEN KANE, given the best screenplay award in 1940, was again honored as a film excellent in every respect. So excellent in fact, that Pauline Kael recently published an extensive critique on KANE in the *New Yorker* magazine, and articles have appeared in publications across the country extolling this timeless film.

* D. W. Griffith's INTOLERANCE and W. S. Porter's THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY vie for the title of "the greatest American silent film."

CAST

Charles Foster Kane Jedediah Leland Susan Alexander Mr. Bernstein James W. Gettys Walter Parks Thatcher Mrs. Kane (mother) Raymond Emily Norton Herbert Carter Thompson Matiste Head Waiter

Orson Welles Joseph Cotton Dorothy Comingore Everett Sloane Ray Collins George Coulouris Agnes Moorehead Paul Stewart Ruth Warrick Erskine Sanford William Alland Fortunio Bonanova Gus Schilling Philip Van Zandt Georgia Backus Harry Shannon Buddy Swan Sonny Bupp

CREDITS

Director Producer

Script

Photography Editing Art Direction Costumes Music Special Effects Orson Welles Orson Welles (A Mercury Production) Herman J. Mankiewicz, Orson Welles Gregg Toland Robert Wise, Mark Robson Van Nest Polglase Edward Stevenson Bernard Herrmann Vernon L. Walker

AWARDS

NEW YORK FILM CRITICS, 1941 Best Picture ACADEMY AWARD, 1940 Best Original Screenplay NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW Best Picture Best Actor

Mr. Rawlston Miss Anderson Kane's Father Kane at age 8 Kane III

An RKO General Film

NOTE:

On some programs Francois Truffaut's LES MISTONS will appear with CITIZEN KANE.