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"The Bat Whispers had been done before as a silent, also by Roland West, and has been done again since as a lesser Vincent Price vehicle. This first talkie version, despite being designed to take advantage of the temporary boom in 70mm wide-screens, was somewhat of a flop commercially. *The Bat Whispers* remained resolutely a *movie*, being far more concerned with pictorial inventiveness and lighting than with being a talkie, this at a time when stage adaptations were all the rage. A great many scenes in the film directly derive from Fritz Lang. The remarkably impressionistic bank robbery scene is pure Lang, as is the black-gloved hand snuffing out the candle, a happy borrowing from *Metropolis*."

--Wm. K. Everson

• Written, Produced and Directed by Roland West; based on the stage play by Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood, as produced by Wagenhals and Kemper. Photographed by Ray June. Set Design by Paul Roe Crawley. With Chester Morris, Una Merkel, Gustav von Seyffertiz. (1930, 75 mins, Print Courtesy of William K. Everson)