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Orson Welles

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In the presences, the activity that the teenagers often do is watching movies on holiday, even in Bangkok Thailand, at the shopping mall or cinemas. Many adults also decide to watch the films during free time because it is not too expensive and watching films is to relax and entertainment. Many People always wait every week, for the movies to releases. Movies with interesting plot, location, shot, effect, sound etc. will attract the people. Especially the sound, it is one of the key factors that can make the audiences have the feeling into the movie Therefore, the directors of the film must be skillful, creative and capable of the uses of the camera and other theatrical equipment. If the directors were not expert enough, the movies will be turned to be uninteresting and unattractive. Nobody will talk about it. Then it will be disappear over time. That the reason why the director has to learn the directorial skills from others, seek for the new technique so that their movies will become attractive to their audience. When we talk about directors, there is a person who is the director with the incredibly creative and directorial skills. He is also the writer of many films with the exciting and interesting plot and work in many media fields including radio and movies. His radio broadcast is so realistic that ever made people all over North America became panicked.<sup>1</sup> His movie is such a good films that many critics said it is the best films ever. Orson Welles, with his intelligence, deserved to be praised for revolutionizing and propelling the film and radio

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<sup>1</sup> Cruz Gilbert. "A brief history of Orson Welles' War of the world." Time Entertainment. 9 Feb 2012.< <http://www.time.com/time/arts/article/0,8599,1855120,00.html>>

industry. His movies and technique became inspiration for many directors.<sup>2</sup> His work always surprised the audience as they can't predict what is going to be on his movies. He produced many movies but many people were astonished and impressed by his very first movie, The Citizen Kane,( Because it is the first one) which opened the new page of films industry.

The Citizen Kane is Orson Welles's first movie that working with the Hollywood.<sup>3</sup> The story of how did he join the Hollywood is very interesting. Before he worked in film industry, he was the video broadcaster. It was the Halloween day. Welles decided to adapt the story" the war of the world" He rearranged, that why he later could wrote the fabulous script when he worked on producing movie, the entire plot and represents it in the style of the new: first the music is played then the news, the war of the world broadcasting in the formal, interrupted. With such a realistic broadcasting, the people, who were stress with the world war two, became panicked and left their home. Police stations were reported a lot. After this event, Welles genius was gained interested by the Hollywood and then Welles was given the contract to become the Hollywood director and started working on the Hollywood.<sup>4</sup> After Welles joined the Hollywood, chairman of the Hollywood give the absolute power to Welles

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2 Gottesman, Ronald. Focus on Orson Welles. 1976. P1-5

3 Wikipedia contributors. "The Citizen Kane." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. 10 Feb 2012. <  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citizen\\_Kane](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citizen_Kane)>

4 Wikipedia contributors. "Orson Welles." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. 10 Feb 2012. <  
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for making films. With the large number of fund, Welles could use all of his imagination and skills to the utmost.

Welles was very new as the director at that time. But he has a lot of potential as the Hollywood executive believed in him and he was right. Welles developed the new style of the shooting the films called deep focus and long shot and make it became well known. Deep Focus allows the audiences to view the scene extensively: the background, the foreground and the mid ground are all in sharp focus. Welles's innovative technique was used in almost every scene in Citizen Kane. The Audiences could watch the movies in the deeper dimension and all detail in the scenes. Why Welles used the technique of deep focus? It is because Welles's actors and actress were come from the Mercury Theatre, Welles workplace before joining Hollywood. All of the actor and actress never acted in the movies before. So the technique of the deep focus is perfectly suitable for them. As they are the actor and actress that performed in the theatre with have a lot of dimension and space just like the deep focus technique that all dimension in the scene is sharp focus. When the audience first saw the Citizen Kane, they were amazed by the technique of the deep focus. Since the technique is rarely used in Hollywood and Welles make use of it effective and efficacy. Because of his expertise in the deep focus, it became Welles' signature for every of his films.

Welles' method of telling story in the Citizen Kane is also creative and surprising the audience.<sup>5</sup> He adapted the technique of using flashback to tell the story. Unlike other movies, Welles used many narrators to operate the story. Linked the story of the main character, Kane,

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5 Pomoni, Christina. "The Filmmaking Innovations Of Orson Welles' Citizen Kane." Bukisa, share your knowledge. 12 Jan 2012 < [http://www.bukisa.com/articles/273016\\_the-filmmaking-innovations-of-orson-welles-citizen-kane](http://www.bukisa.com/articles/273016_the-filmmaking-innovations-of-orson-welles-citizen-kane)>

through many people who concerning with Kane in the flashback. The main character who is the reporter was the interviewer of the audiences. As the story went on, the life of Kane were revealed little by little and be linked together like the jigsaw puzzle. The way of representation will stimulate the audiences to think, excite and have feeling with the movies. Used to work on radio broadcasting, Welles expertise on sound was particularly excellence.<sup>6</sup> He used his experience to make the great soundtrack for the movies. Soundtrack is also very important factors to the movies. Because it will emphasizes and raise the emotion for the films and could make the audiences comply with the mood of the movies. He also used many sound and mix together to make the backing sound in the scene, the sound in the street or the talking of the surrounding people, to make it became more realistic. It is the radio technique that Welles used to do while he was working on radio broadcasting. This demonstrates the genius of Welles in integrating using the experience from working on radio broadcasting in producing the soundtrack for the movies.

With his imagination, creativity and skillfulness in making the films, Welles is respected by many directors. The Audiences also appreciate in his movies. Welles's innovation has been involved a lot in the progress of the film industry. All of his works and creation will be remember and praised. One of the humanities is the Art: Welles surely contributes to the development and expansion of the Art and bring about the entertainment and aesthetic to the mankind.

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