

Oliver Grimm

Titles: 17 Sources: 2 Stills: 2

Born: Munchen, W Germany; April 3rd 1948



Unidentified film

Source: The Moving Picture Boy

Halliwell's Filmgoer's Companion entry:

"German child actor of the fifties."

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

"Oliver's mother was the former UFA actress Hansi Wendler; his father, Hans Grimm, was

a director, and in fact directed many of the boy's films. But his first lead, as "Niki", was in a film by Rudolf Jugert.

Oliver, with his happy yet vulnerable teddy-bear face – rather like a pocket Fischer-Dieskau – rapidly became a favourite of the German public, equally delighted to see him being mischievous or pathetic, bringing adults



Age 12 in **"SCHICK' DEINE FRAU NICHT NACH ITALIEN"**, with Harald Juhnke

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together in the manner of a male Shirley Temple, or humbling himself to the problems of life at street-level as a boy king in **"MAJESTÄT AUF ABWEGEN"**. O.W. Fischer as a Shakespearean actor and Heinz Rühmann as a circus clown were among his many adoring screen fathers.

In spite of being everyone's dear little boy for nearly a decade, Oliver adroitly skirted the swamp of sickliness and never became over-cute. There was certainly nothing cute about his last child role, in the British film **"REACH FOR GLORY"**, as a Jewish refugee from Vienna, dumped among schoolboy chauvinists in East Anglia. At the end of this first screen version of John Rae's novel "The Custard Boys" he lies dead in a coalyard, victim of a "mock execution" which went wrong.

So ended Oliver Grimm's career as a child star. But, after an educational pause, he

returned to acting, and was seen in popular TV series like **"Derrick"** (75) and **"Dalli-Dalli"** (76)."

FILMOGRAPHY

	Year	Age	Title	Role
deb	52	4	ICH HEISSE NIKI ("My Name's Niki")	in title role, Niki
	52		VATER BRAUCHT EINE FRAU ("Father Needs a Woman")	
	53	5	MOSELFABHRT AUS LIEBESKUMMER ("Lovelorn Trip Down the Moselle")	
	54	6	MORGENGRAUEN ("Glimmerings of Dawn")	
	54		FRUHLINGSLIED ("Song of Spring")	
	55	7	GRIFF NACH DEN STERNEN ("Reach for the Stars")	with <i>Michael Ande</i>
	55		WENN DER VATER MIT DEM SOHNE ("Fathers and Sons", aka: "Night and Fog in Japan")	
	56	8	MEIN VATER, DER SCHAUSPIELER ("My Father, the Actor")	with <i>Gunter Hoffmann</i>
	57	9	KLEINER MANN – GANZ GROSS ("Little Man – So Big")	
	58	10	DER SCHWARZE BLITZ ("Black Lightning")	
	58		MAJESTAT AUF ABWEGEN ("His Majesty Goes A-Wandering")	in title role with <i>Michael Ande, Gunter Hoffmann</i>
	59	11	DAS SCHONE ABENTEUER ("The Wonderful Adventure")	
	60	12	FRAU IRENE BESSER	
	60		THE MAGNIFICENT REBEL	US / WG
	60		SCHICK' DEINE FRAU NICHT NACH ITALIEN ("Don't Send Your Wife to Italy")	
	61	13	ISOLA BELLA	
	63	15	REACH FOR GLORY	UK, in central role, Mark with <i>Martin Tomlinson, Michael Anderson Jr, etc</i>