

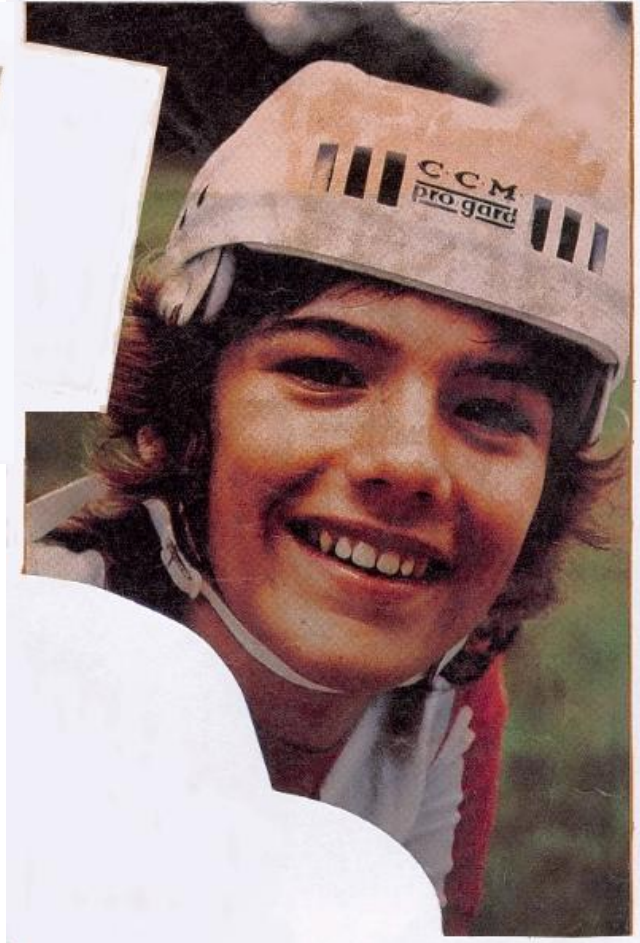
Tommi Ohrner

Titles: 8 Sources: 1 Stills: 5

Born: Munchen, W Germany; June 3rd 1965

Highly personable German boy from a string of knockabout domestic farces and a few children's TV serials of the 1970s. In the hare-brained fantasy serial "**Timm Thaler**", for instance, he was the owner of the most infectious giggle in the world, such a charm that the richest man in the world buys it from him to improve his own PR. But what profit it a boy if he gain the whole world and lose his giggle? The English-dubbed version is appalling, with Tommi given a voice about five years older than his body.

Tommi also played the child Merlin in another - better - children's serial, in which he discovers his father to be none other than Satan, (an Antichrist with an infectious giggle - now there's a thought...) but he only played the part in the first episode or two. For German television he did a remake of "**BRENNENDES GEHEIMNIS**" (75) before subsiding into a run of teensploitation pics with awful titles. In adult life he became a TV chatshow host, I believe, but it would be churlish to hold that against him. A cheery vivacious boy with a sensual mouth and ready grin, he was engaging to watch if not conspicuously talented.



(above and left) **Timm Thaler**

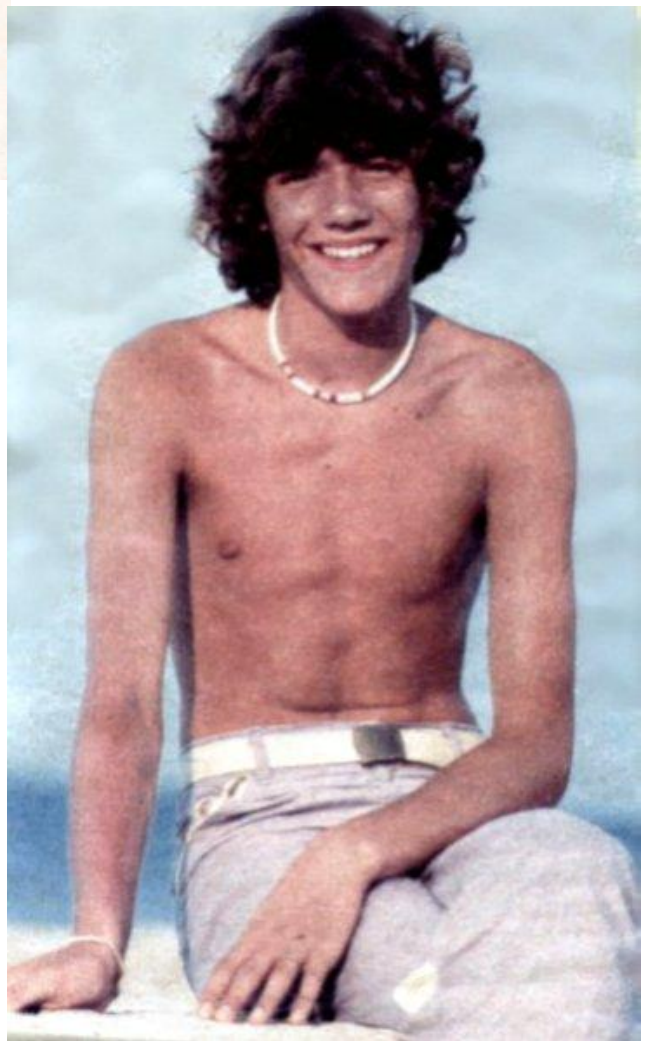
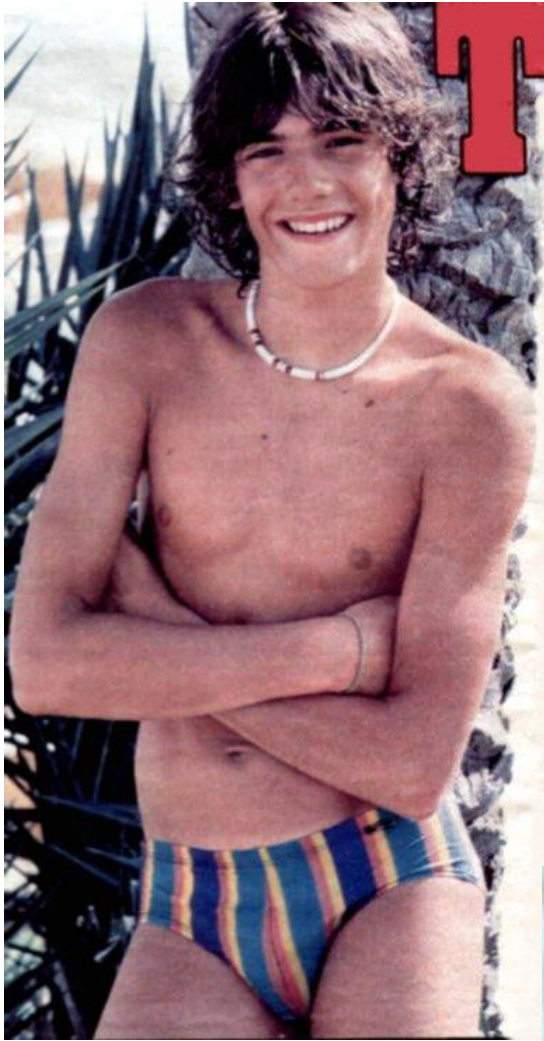
Source: Radio Times

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

“The handsome, long-haired and extrovert Tommy – whose elder sister Carolin also acted, in more modest roles – was Germany’s favourite TV boy of the skateboard era, rather like Leif Garrett in the USA. Most of his early films were noisy family comedies, but when he was ten he played (on TV) the dramatic role of the son in **“BRENNENDES GEHEIMNIS”**, as Peter Eysoldt had done in 1923 and Hans Joachim Schaufuss in 1933, and the brilliant David Eberts in 1988.

Tommy had the lead in the popular TV serial **“Timm Thaler”** – known in English-speaking countries as **“Tim Tyler”** – about a boy with a wonderful laugh, so wonderful that it got him kidnapped by a villain who couldn’t laugh at all.

When his career resumed in his late teens, he was in **“IM Dschungel ist der Teufel los”** (’82), **“Ein dicker Hund”** (’82), **“Manni, der Libero”** (’82, TV series), **“Plem, Plem, die Schule brennt”** (’83) and **“Die unglaublichen Abenteuer des Guru Jakob”** (’83).”



FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
68	3	HELGA UND MICHAEL	
70	5	HURRA, UNSERE ELTERN SIND NICHT DA (= "Hurrah! Our Parents Aren't About!")	
70		NACHBARN SIND ZUM ÄRGERN DA (= "Neighbours are There to Annoy")	
71	6	HILFE, DIE VERWANDTEN KOMEN (= "Help! The Relatives are Coming!")	
--	--	Boy Merlin† (TV serial)	Merlin aged circa 9
75	10	BRENNENDES GEHEIMNIS (TV) (= "Burning Secret")	
75		Das Haus der Krokodile (TV serial) (= "The House of Crocodiles")	
75		Timm Thaler § (TV serial) (UK = "The Legend of Tim Tyler")	in title role
82	17	IM DSCHUNGEL IST DER TEUFEL LOS (= "The Devil is Loose in the Jungle")	
82		EIN DICKER HUND (= "A Stocky Dog")	
82		MANNI, DER LIBERO (TV serial) (= ? ? ?)	in title role ?
83	18	PLEM, PLEM, DIE SCHULE BRENNT (= "Ding Dong, the School's on Fire")	
83		DIE UNGLÄUBLICHEN ABENTEUER DES GURU JAKOB (= "The Incredible Adventures of Guru Jacob")	

† exact date and title uncertain, but he was younger than in "Timm Thaler"

§ the dating of this is dubious – Ohrner was clearly older than 10 here