

Rafal Wegrzyniak

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Born: Poland; c1970

The Moving Picture Boy entry on Wegrzyniak:

“Young Wegrzyniak, a Warsaw schoolboy, gives a terrific performance in **"KOCHAN-KOWIE MOJEJ MAMY"** as a fatherless boy with an out-of-control mother – played by the unique Krystyana Janda, a sort of blonde Anna Magnani – who finds that the best way to pay the household bills is to look for "protectors", dulling her distaste with drink and pills.

Her young son finds himself doing the shopping and cooking and, between times, having to restrain his mother from drug dependency and even suicide attempts. There is a terrible scene where he has to tie her up as if she were a mad-woman, which by this time she practically is.

Radosław Piwowarski's film is not all grim by any means, nor is the mother a monster – merely a weak, lost, sometimes violent charmer. There is abundant humour and understanding, but a growing sense of hopelessness and a desperate concern about the boy. Rafal Wegrzyniak reveals himself as one of the finest child actors of the European cinema.”

Speelfilm Encyclopedie review of
"KOCHANKOWIE MOJEJ MAMY":

“Drama about a teenage boy who tries to rescue his beloved mother from drugs and prostitution. He's placed in an orphanage where he patiently awaits the day of her release. Finally he must look on in anguish as she marries. This lively and moving film is also successful thanks to extremely mature performances from Janda and Wegrzyniak.
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FILMOGRAPHY

<i>Year</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Role</i>
85		KOCHANKOWIE MOJEJ MAMY ("My Mum's Lovers")	in central role
86		POCIAG DO HOLLYWOOD ("Train to Hollywood")	
86		ZŁOTA MAHMUDIA ("The Gold Coin")	