

# Les Trois Tambours

( "The Three Drummer Boys" )

France : 1939 : dir.

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*Jacques Brécourt; Jean Buquet; Michel Rétaux* .....

Adult cast unknown

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[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. As I understand it, a drummer boy was one of the pivotal characters in the Italian classic "**CUORE**", filmed at least five times and as a TV serial by Luigi Comencini, but what his precise role might be I don't know. Doubtless drummer boys figured also in English-speaking cinema, but the only one which springs to mind was Desmond Tester – and he was scarcely a boy, being 19 at the time – in "**THE DRUM**" (38), where he teaches plucky Indian prince Sabu how to beat the alarm and save the day for his gallant British regiment.

Of the three boys Holmstrom identifies in this title he only provides background detail on Jean Buquet, who was 13. "**LA GUERRE DES GOSSES**" (36), "**L'ASSASSINAT DU PÈRE NÖEL**" (41) and "**NOUS LES GOSSES**" (41) were among his other films. He was with Rétaux again in "**LES DISPARUS DE SAINT-AGIL**" (38). Rétaux was seen in "**DIAMANT NOIR**" (40), while Brécourt's only other film was "**CHAMPIONS DE FRANCE**" (38).

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