

Patrick Bach

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Born: Patrick Emanuel Bach; Hamburg; March 30th 1968
(possibly related to actress Barbara Bach)



*A whole sea-chest of scurrilous cabin-boy jokes made flesh – Patrick Bach in the roistering pirate serial “**Jack Holborn**” Source – Young Male Move Stars website*



In the 1980s TV directors could be rather severe on boys who forgot their lines. Patrick Bach in "Silas"
Source: The Moving Picture Boy

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

"Patrick, a lordly child who had appeared in commercials since he was nine, won international fame in two popular TV serials.

In "**Silas**", a rambling 19th century saga based on books by Cecil Bodker, he was a footloose waif with a magic flute. Silas runs away from a travelling circus, not wishing to train as a sword-swallower; wins a black horse in a bet with a horse-dealer, only to have it stolen from him; falls in with a lame boy called Godik (Lucky Molocher) who proves a faithful friend, but also with an evil old female smuggler called The Shrew. And so on: almost every adult a dangerous brute, endless escapes through windows, across mud-flats and through reed-beds.

The tiny Bach is certainly a picturesque mini-hero in his patched jacket, leather breeches and and 19th-century leg-warmers, and acts with enormous eyes, teeth and vehemence, but the story (dimly dubbed for Anglo-Saxon consumption) is neither subtle nor gripping.

"**Jack Holborn**" (brilliantly dubbed by the same cfirm that bungled "**Silas**") was altogether more fun, and with a livelier source

in a pirate adventure by the peerless Leon Garfield. Jack, a supposed orphan – he eventually finds his mother – goes to sea as a cabin boy, but becomes embroiled in a mutiny, and much confused by a pair of twin aristocrats, one of whom is a judge and the other a buccaneer.

Though we lose Garfield's quirky narrative prose, much of his crisp dialogue is retained, and Patrick Bach is if anything better than in "**Silas**": the eyes even huger and more self-righteous, the lips thrust out by even more tombstone-like incisors. For those who like their boy heroes proud and stropky, little Bach had no equal. He was in addition a splendid athlete and rider.

There were to be no more serials, but in 1984 he had a lead in Siggy Gotz's comedy "**DREI UND EIN HALBE PORTION**". No prizes for guessing who was the half-pint."

Young Male Movie Stars website entry:

"Patrick (Emanuel) Bach was born 30/03/68 in Hamburg and in 1981 he played "**Silas**", a most gray and colourless affair with a horse, but THEN he took everybody by storm – literally

– as “**Jack Holborn**”, a bright and wonderful pirate story with good grown-up co-stars.

To a whole generation of Germans he means... Christmas! Because for the Christmases of 1981, 1982 and 1988 he was the star of mini-TV – series aired during the holidays: “**Silas**”, “**Jack Holborn**” and “**Anna**”. Having a TV assistant director for a mother brought Patrick in the business at 3 – and even in a Rudi Carell show before the big time started.

It really started with a football match, which a TV producer visited Patrick’s home to watch, a TV producer who was looking for a boy to play “**Silas**” in a 6-part series after Danish (female) author, Cecil Bødker’s book. He looked no further!

Although it was a big hit and everybody in the German speaking world plus Denmark fell madly in love with him – he announced, in “*Bravo*”, that it was the last time he [*would ever be*] in front of a rolling camera!

So when the offer for “**Jack Holborn**” soon after came up – he first said NO! BUT... being a Hamburg native that old pirate ship was a little bit too interesting and as it was going to be shot during the summer holidays... he was lured into doing it anyway...

Which he KIND OF regretted: “I was seasick all the time and had blue marks all over my body...” And in the scenes where he so elegantly swims – himself! – under water with his pants kind of swimming AFTER him – he was sick as a dog from food poisoning after a native dinner...

But WE loved him even more looking so cute and sound with a suntan this time! It took 6 years, before he returned to the spotlight – to kind of stay!”

“Cool is Patrick Bach’s middle name! Once German television tried to break his cool with a candid camera thing. They had placed him in a partner-seeking ad with love hungry girls turning up one after the other – and not even when an older gentleman with poodle and roses turned up – [was] Patrick shaken. He accepted the roses – but took out his wallet and photos of his small brothers and tells the man, that they are his sons! Once again Patrick Bach had the German viewers flat at his feet!”





Three more from "Silas" – with eyes and teeth
Source: various websites



FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
- -		GIN, TONIC UND BANANENSAFT ("Gin, Tonic and Banana Juice")	[school project film]
81	13	Silas with <i>Lucky Moloche</i>	ch TV serial, in title role
82	14	Jack Holborn	German/NewZ ch TV serial, in title role
85	17	DREI UND EIN HALBE PORTION ("Three and a Half Portions")	
88	20	Anna	ch TV serial, not in title role
88		ANNA 2	
- -		CAFÉ EUROPA	
- -		Laura und Luis ("Laura and Luis")	TV serial
- -		Die Baskenmütze	TV serial
92	24	Traumschiff: "Norwegen" ("The Dream Ship – Norway")	TV series, guest role
c93	25	Nicht von Schlechten Eltern ("Not of Bad Parents")	TV serial
- -		Aus Heiteren Himmel	TV series, guest role
- -		Achterbahn	TV gameshow
- -		Glückliche Reise: "Bali"	TV series, guest role
- -		Lukas: "Amor und Psyche"	TV series, guest role
- -		SK Babies	TV series, guest role