

Le Petit Krebs

Titles: 0 Sources: 0 Stills: 0

Born:

Lanky, freckled child star of the silent period. Nothing further is known about him

Halliwell's Filmgoer's Companion entry:

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The Moving Picture Boy entry:

“One of the most popular and often-revived French films of the Forties was Jean Dréville's "**LA CAGE AUX ROSSIGNOLS**", a sentimental comedy set in a school, with Noël-Noël as a teacher trying simultaneously to win the hand of Micheline Francey and to subdue a rebellious class of 12-to-14-year olds. Since there were to be opportunities for song, the pupils were almost all recruited from France's favourite boys' choir of the period, the Petits Chanteurs de la Croix de Bois. There were two important featured roles among the boys: a sensitive one, played by Michel François, and a smolderingly uncooperative one called Laugier, played by le petit Krebs (as he was billed). The blond Laugier surprisingly proved to be the school's star singer, and redeemed himself by singing the solo in a highly romantic arrangement of a chorus by Rameau.

Three years later, Dréville made another film with a school setting, "**LE VISITEUR**". This was an effective sentimental drama in which Pierre Fresnay starred as a criminal on the run who holes up in his old school and is offered hospitality as a distinguished Old Boy. Fresnay is hero-worshipped (and in due course protected) by an introverted 14-year old called Clarens, and Clarens is played by a smoldering blond called Roger Laugier who is, sure enough, the not-quite-so-petit Krebs. Like Mickey Kuhn, the boy had jettisoned his real surname, no doubt uncomfortably German-sounding at the time, to replace it with his fictional one from "**LA CAGE AUX ROSSIGNOLS**", Krebs/Laugier, proudly throwing back a lock of hair which falls over

his right eye, is a striking performer in both films.”

FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
19		DADDY LONG LEGS	
19		THE UNPARDONABLE SIN with <i>Bobby Connelly</i>	"George Washington Sticker"
20-22		RAGS TO RICHES	(first film for Warner Bros)
20-22		SCHOOL DAYS	
21		BOB HAMPTON OF PLACER	
22		PENROD with <i>Gordon Griffith, Clara Horton, Sunshine Sammy Morrison, Florence Morrison</i>	title role
23		THE COUNTRY KID with <i>"Spec" O'Donnell, Bruce Guerin</i>	
23		THE PRINTER'S DEVIL	
23		HEROES OF THE STREET with <i>Joe Butterworth</i>	
24		GEORGE WASHINGTON, Jr	