

Matthew Laborteaux

Titles: 11 Sources: 2 Stills: 14

Born: Los Angeles; December 8th 1966 [birthname unknown]
(Adoptive) younger brother of Patrick [\[qv\]](#)



All stills from "Little House on the Prairie"

Source (except where indicated): Star Oasis website

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

“This dark, handsome, intelligent boy played dark, handsome, intelligent boys: more remarkable than it might seem, since he had been adopted by the Labordeaux couple as a nine-month old baby with grave physical and mental handicaps which included autism and a hole in the heart. All these, through love and devotion, he triumphantly overcame. In the mid-1970s Matthew was for some time a regular in the popular TV series **"The Little House on the Prairie"**, and had the first lead in the serial **"The Red Hand Gang"**.

In his later teens, he was the whizzest of the **"Whiz Kids"** (TV series 83), and his technological genius led him into deep waters in **"DEADLY FRIEND"** (86) when he fitted an electronic brain into a brain-dead girl, who then turned nasty. Matthew's "elder brother", Patrick Labordeaux (also adopted at nine months, and also overcoming appalling handicaps) proved a busy and gifted actor too.”

NAMBLA Bulletin vol.7/5 – June 1986 – media note:

“...Matthew Labordeaux, kid star in **"Little House on the Prairie"** and now a rising young adult star (19), was a violent, autistic child. He rocked, screamed, and banged incessantly; when he first started talking at age 4, he spouted streams of obscenities. He tested with "excellent comprehension". A change in diet, a lot of love from his (adoptive) parents, and beginning his acting career transformed his behaviour. His first job was a **"United Way"** spot as Cliff Robertson's son, which he got because of his ability to cry instantly... At 13, Matt [received] \$5500 per **"Prairie"** episode...”





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FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
deb	- -	United Way	US TV series ?
74	8	A WOMAN UNDER THE INFLUENCE	
74-		The Little House on the Prairie	US TV Western soap
76	10	BRAVO TWO	
76		A CIRCLE OF CHILDREN with adoptive brother Partick	
76		PAPA AND ME	
77	11	TARANTULA: THE DEADLY CARGO	
78	12	KILLING STONE	
78		KING OF THE GYPSIES	
c78		The Red Hand Gang	US TV serial, in central role
80	14	THE ALIENS ARE COMING	
83	17	Whiz Kids	US TV series
86	20	DEADLY FRIEND	
86		SHATTERED SPIRITS with Lukas Haas	US TV