

Tuukka Tanner

Titles: 1 Sources: 1 Stills: 1

Born: Finland; c1949



Source: The Moving Picture Boy

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

“**PIKKU PIETARIN PIHA**” was based on a recent children’s book by Aapeli. It was a rather subtle little saga of childhood, seen through the eyes of an unusual child.

Pietari, its hero, is the son of a market vendor in a small provincial town and the story falls into three sections: Before, During and After Karolina – this being the name of a stepmother whom the father marries and who both arrives

and leaves dramatically but without explanation. Karolina is a powerful woman, well-disposed towards Pietari, for whom she makes new trousers. Her mysteriousness is in convincing proportion to a child’s understanding of adult goings-on.

Pietari, vividly depicted by the sturdy Tuukka Tanner, is a real character, talking things over man-to-man with a very personal God and caught up in all the serious concerns of

courtyard life: singing hymns, burying rats and teaching local toddlers to pee standing up.

Jack Witikka's film, shot in Porvoo in the late summer of 1961, has a directness and realism

that doesn't preclude poetry, and is one of the finest products of the Finnish cinema. The story was filmed again in 1977 as "**AIKA HYVÄ IHMISEKSI**", with Ossi Aronen as Peter."

FILMOGRAPHY			
Year	Age	Title	Role
61	12	PIKKU PIETARIN PIHA ["Little Peter's Yard"]	in title role, Pietari