

Allá en el Rancho Chico

("Over at Boys Ranch")

Mexico : 1937 : dir.

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Narciso Busquets; Polito Ortin; Pepito del Rio; Ernesto Velasquez; Saul Zamora

Adult cast unknown

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Excerpt from **The Moving Picture Boy** entry on Busquets:

"This romantic-looking boy, with a wide, dreamily sensual face, was the leading Spanish-speaking child actor of his period, presumably son of the actor Joaquin Busquets (1875-1942). The Mexican film historian Emilio Garcia Riera registers with profound boredom his "unremittingly tearful face" in one sentimental drama after another..."

The Moving Picture Boy entry on del Rio:

"Raphael del Rio – who was billed as such in "**CORAZÓN DE NIÑO**" – was famous as "Pepito" for most of his childhood career. After 1940 he acted as "Pepe del Rio", in films like "**LA PEQUEÑA MADRECITA**" (44), "**AMOR PROHIBIDO**" (45) and many more till the end of the decade."

The Moving Picture Boy entry on Velasquez:

"This boy warbler, once referred to as El Bobby Breen Mexicano, had the lead in "**LA CANCION DEL HUERFANO**", but this was his last film as a boy. After a lapse of more than a decade, Ernesto Velasquez appeared in two or three films of the early Fifties, with a lead in "**LA NIÑA POPOFF**" (51)."

The Moving Picture Boy entry on Velasquez:

"This singing boy, not enjoyed by the film historian Emilio Garcia Riera, was known as "El Gordito" (Little Fatty). He had a leading role in "**LOS DESHEREDADOS**". Sad to say, Little Fatty died of a fulminant pneumonia during the filming of "**LOS DIABLILLOS DE ARRABAL**". He had been one of its stars."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 1996", "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 information currently available on the film itself, but it's amusing to take a brief canter through the forest of Mexican boy stars. The sweetly-named Narciso Busquets was just 6, at the start of his heroic career of "snivelling". Holmstrom lists 26 other films for him, including "**CORAZÓN DE NIÑO**" ("A Boy's Heart", 39) and "**LOS DOS PILLETES**" ("The Two Rascals", 42) but, as with this one, I know little more of them than the bare titles.

However, starring with him in the latter was Polito Ortin, here 10, and starring with him in the former was Pepito del Rio – a tight-knit community, evidently. Del Rio was 11, and appeared together with Ernesto Velasquez (13) in "**LA CANCION DEL HUERFANO**" ("Song of the Orphan", 39). El Gordito, finally, was 10, and died the following year, as Holmstrom says, during the shooting of his next film ("Little Devils of the Suburbs"). One wonders whether any of these titles for the domestic Mexican market were ever released on video. Possibly the Spanish-speaking market is too small to make a large back catalogue economically viable.

See, for idle comparison, the US film "**BOYS RANCH**" (46), and subject index under **SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA**.