

Brennendes Geheimnis

("Burning Secret")

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Tommy Ohrner.....

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The Moving Picture Boy entry on Ohrner:

"The handsome, long-haired and extrovert Tommy – whose elder sister Carolin also acted, in more modest roles – was Germany's favourite TV boy of the skateboard era, rather like Leif Garrett in the USA. Most of his early films were noisy family comedies, but when he was ten he played (on TV) the dramatic role of the son in **"BRENNENDES GEHEIMNIS"**, as Peter Eysoldt had done in 1923 and Hans Joachim Schaufuss in 1933, and the brilliant David Eberts in 1988.

Tommy had the lead in the popular TV serial **"Timm Thaler"** – known in English-speaking countries as **"Tim Tyler"** – about a boy with a wonderful laugh, so wonderful that it got him kidnapped by a villain who couldn't laugh at all.

When his career resumed in his late teens, he was in **"IM Dschungel ist der Teufel los"** ('82), **"Ein dicker Hund"** ('82), **"Manni, der Libero"** ('82, TV series), **"PLEM, PLEM, Die Schule brennt"** ('83) and **"Die unglaublichen Abenteuer des Guru Jakob"** ('83)."

[no listing in "Speelfilm Encyclopedie"]

No further information currently available. In another German children's serial Ohrner showed up playing Merlin as a boy in the opening episode. He believes he's an orphan until informed by a disembodied voice that his father was Lucifer. As an adult Ohrner met the grisly fate of becoming a gameshow host. For other early works, see **"HURRA, UNSERE ELTERN SIND NICHT DA"** ('70, = "Hooray! Our Parents are Away!"), **"HILFE, DIE VERWANDTEN KOMMEN"** ('71, = "Help! The Relatives are Coming!") and the series **"Das Haus der Krokodile"** ('75, = "The House of Crocodiles").

This was the third of four adaptations to date of a short story by Stefan Zweig. See also **"MUTTER, DEIN KIND RUFT"** ('23), **"BRENNENDES GEHEIMNIS"** ('33) and Andrew Birkin's **"BURNING SECRET"** ('88). See subject index under **MATCHMAKERS / MATCH-BREAKERS** and possibly **HOSPITALS / SICK CHILDREN**.