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Busters Verden

("Buster's World")

Denmark TV serial† : 1984 : dir. Billie August : : 6 x ? min

prod: : scr: : dir.ph.: Fritz Schroder

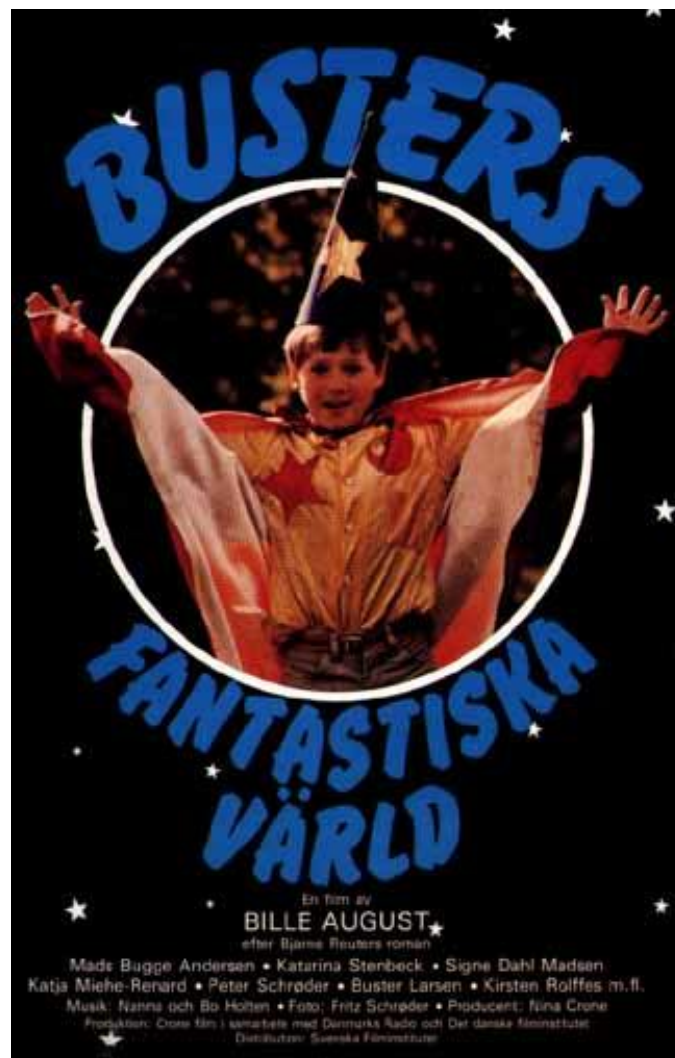
Mads Bugge Andersen; Katerina Stenbeck; John Riedl; Signe Dahl Madsen

Martin Krakaver; Peter Schrøder; Katja Miehe-Renard; Kirsten Rolffes; Berthe Qvistgaard;

Buster Larsen; Ole Thestrup; Jannie Faurschou

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[† later released in condensed form as a children's feature]



A sweet but unexceptional slice of Danish children's TV from Billie August. See it in the subtitled Danish form – avoid the miserable dubbed version for UK TV.

Source: CVMC website



Yes, it has the pre-pubertal love pangs nonsense too (adults seem to need this sort of reassurance). Mads Bugge Andersen pictured right, with presumably Signe Dahl Madsen
Source: CMCV website

Film Review 1991-92 review:

“Six episodes of a Danish TV series stitched into feature length. A quite charming youngsters’ movie about a boy (Mads Bugge Andersen, an 8-year old with great appeal) whose dreams come true when his stage magician grandad leaves him his box of tricks.”

CVMC video retail/rental website review:

“Buster (Mads Bugge Andersen) is a boy of about nine who lives in a small Danish village with his admiring sister (Katerina Stenbeck), approximately eight. Our hero is a talented magician who uses his tricks to get even with the neighbourhood bully (John Riedl) and impress a pretty girl (Signe Dahl Madsen). A fun kids’ flick brought to us by director Bille August.

Also Known As: Busters Fantastiska Varld, “Buster’s World”

Rated NR: violence

Language: Danish (with Swedish subtitles)

Categories: Boy Films, Little to Preteen, Adolescent, Bullies & Teasing, Comedy, Drama, First Love, Girl Films, Little to Preteen

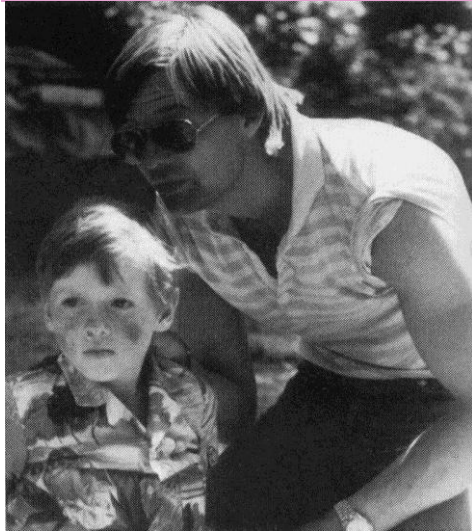
NOTE: This movie is in Danish with NO ENGLISH SUBTITLES OR DUBBING.”

What’s On TV review:

“Nothing to do with Buster Keaton, this was originally a six-part Danish TV series. It stars a freckle-faced eight-year-old (Mads Bugge Andersen) who endures bullying at school, romantic disappointment, and cares for his lame sister who wants (natch) to be a dancer. However, he finally triumphs by using his magic tricks taught to him by his uncle. ** ”

“Nothing to do with Buster Keaton. A Danish film, with English subtitles, about a crippled girl who wants to be a dancer.”

No further information currently available. First shown in the UK on Channel 4, May 6th 1991. Like Lasse Halstrom, Nils Malmros and other Scandinavian directors, Billie August first established himself with an international audience through his films with or for children (he won the 1989 Best Foreign Language Film Oscar with his superb “**PELLE EROBREREN**”). Unfortunately this is only screened in English-speaking countries in an inferior dubbed version, which detracts from its charm considerably.



*Billie August lining up a shot with Mads Bugge
Andersen Source: International Film Guide 1988*

I saw it originally in Danish with Dutch subtitles, but too long ago to review it meaningfully here. The children are handled with the affection one has come to expect from Scandinavian cinema, but nothing in this story quite bites the attention. The most memorable part of it (for me) was a perfectly delightful theme song (“*O Buster!*”) trilling its heart out over the titles (also replaced in the dubbed version). And of course, any boy with the name Bugge has to be OK in my book.

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