

J'ai Rencontré le Père Noël

("I Met Father Christmas")

France : 1984 : dir. Christian Gion :

: 85 min

prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

Karen Cheryl; Armand Meffre; Alexia Haudot; Eric Chapuis; Dominique Hulin; Hélène Zidi; Jean-Louis Foulquier; Jeanne Herviale; Nar Sene

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Speelfilm Encyclopedie review:

"In this fairy tale little Simon, together with his girlfriend Elodie, goes in search of Santa Claus in Lapland to ask for help in freeing his parents, who are prisoners in Africa (!). The intentions are sweet, were it not that the whole thing became an ugly, unimaginative and pedestrian misfire, in which above all the post-synchronisation is disastrous. If the public want to take the children to a Christmas film then the lovely work of Walt Disney is far and away the best choice! * "

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "The Moving Picture Boy", "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 further information currently available. A severe panning for such an innocuous title, but not when you consider more recent (and vastly more expensive) Christmas turkeys such as "**SANTA CLAUS**" or "**JINGLE ALL THE WAY**". Milking the festive spirit does generally condemn a film to the purgatory of seasonal re-runs precisely when the TV schedules are glutted with similar fare. For a more off-the-wall fantasy meeting with Coca Cola Man, why not try "**SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS**" (64).

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