

My Girl 2

US : 1994 : dir. Howard Zieff : : 99 min
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:
[Anna Chlumsky; Austin O'Brien](#)
 Dan Aykroyd; Jamie Lee Curtis; Richard Masur; Christine Ebersole; John David Souther;
 Angeline Ball; Aubrey Morris; Gerrit Graham; Ben Stein; Keone Young; Anthony R Jones;
 Jodie Markell; Richard Beymer; George D Wallace

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Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001 review:

“Budding teenager Chlumsky travels to L.A. (where her uncle lives) to try and learn something about her mother, who died giving birth to her; her companion on this odyssey is the son of her uncle’s girlfriend. Bland but likeable fodder aimed squarely at young viewers. ****1/2**”

[no listing in "The Critics' Film Guide", "Film Review 1994-5" or "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995"]

TV Quick review:

“Sequel to the bittersweet kiddie weepie, which starred cute-as-a-button Anna Chlumsky as an 11-year old experiencing growing pains [*cliché, cliché*] in the Seventies, plus Macaulay Culkin as her best friend. Having tasted tragedy at an early age (Culkin’s character died in the first movie), Chlumsky now embarks on her teen years with a mission in mind – to find out about her mother, who died when she was little [*yes, you are little at the moment of birth*]. An engaging comedy drama which doesn’t overdo the saccharine. The fine cast includes Dan Aykroyd and Jamie Lee Curtis (returning from the first film), plus Richard Masur, Austin O’Brien, Christine Ebersole

and, way down the cast list, Angeline Ball of "THE COMMITMENTS" fame. So that’s what happened to her. *******”

“Drama. Macaulay Culkin is nowhere to be seen in this tender years sequel, but Anna Chlumsky returns as the precocious Vada [*sic – idiot!*], with her headstrong urges taking her off in search of her roots. *******”

Indeterminate sources:

“Dan Aykroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis and Anna Chlumsky return as the off-beat Sultenfuss family in the enchanting sequel to "MY GIRL". Vada, now 13 years old, is set a school assignment to write about the life and achievements of someone she has never met. She chooses her late mother and begins a heartwarming and emotional journey through the city of Los Angeles. Guided by her cousin nick, she learns about her mother, herself, first love, first kisses and her place in a changing family.”

“Dan Aykroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis and Anna Chlumsky return in "MY GIRL 2" as the offbeat Sultenfuss family. The year is 1974, Vada is 13 and decides to jet off in search of her roots in Los Angeles. An enchanting movie.”

No further information currently available. The film’s about someone under 16. Right then, must be time to fire off that word “precocious” again. The producers launched a competition to find a suitable title for the original 1991 film, but there evidently wasn’t too much head-

scratching over what to call the sequel. It's fervently to be hoped more effort went into the script itself. Nothing else is known of pretty Anna Chlumsky, but Austin O'Brien (not exactly pretty, but an amiable and perky boy) had a major break the previous year as Arnold Schwarzenegger's kid sidekick in "**LAST ACTION HERO**". Unfortunately for him, the film bombed at the box office, but that was no reflection on his performance, nor even on Schwarzenegger's. The public were simply not in the mood for an *action comedy with a heart*. O'Brien was also seen in the 1988 remake of "**THE BLOB**", "**THE LAWNMOWER MAN**" (92), its 1995 sequel, and "**PREHYSTERIA!**" (92). Now here's a brain-teaser for you – what was *that* sequel called?

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