

Pikku Pietarin Piha

("Little Peter's Yard")

Finland : 1961 : dir. Jack Wittika :

: ? min

prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

[Tuukka Tanner](#)

Adult cast unknown

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Source: *The Moving Picture Boy*

The Moving Picture Boy entry on Tanner:

“ **PIKKU PIETARIN PIHA** ” was based on a recent children’s book by Aapeli. It was a rather subtle little saga of childhood, seen through the eyes of an unusual child.

Pietari, its hero, is the son of a market vendor in a small provincial town and the story falls into three sections: Before, During and After Karolina – this being the name of a stepmother whom the father marries and who both arrives and leaves dramatically but without

explanation. Karolina is a powerful woman, well-disposed towards Pietari, for whom she makes new trousers. Her mysteriousness is in convincing proportion to a child’s understanding of adult goings-on.

Pietari, vividly depicted by the sturdy Tuukka Tanner, is a real character, talking things over man-to-man with a very personal God and caught up in all the serious concerns of courtyard life: singing hymns, burying rats and teaching local toddlers to pee standing up.

Jack Witikka's film, shot in Porvoo in the late summer of 1961, has a directness and realism that doesn't preclude poetry, and is one of the finest products of the Finnish cinema. The story was filmed again in 1977 as "**AIKA HYVÄ IHMISEKSI**", with Ossi Aronen as Peter."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "Finnish Cinema", "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 further information currently available. Holmstrom judges Tuukka's age as 12. Nothing else is known of him.

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