

Prélude à la Gloire

("Prelude to Glory")

France : 1949 : dir.

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prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

[Roberto Benzi](#)

Adult cast unknown

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Excerpt from **The Moving Picture Boy** entry on Jeremy Spenser:

"... Jeremy shot to overnight fame as a boy conductor in **"PRELUDE TO FAME"**. This was a straight crib of a French film of 1949, **"PRÉLUDE À LA GLOIRE"**, which had starred a real-life prodigy called Roberto Benzi. (Another, Pierino Gamba, had already done virtually the same in Italy: there was a general European craze for boy conductors at the time.) ..."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "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. Slightly puzzling that this title is missing from the *Speelfilm Encyclopedie*, and nor does Holmstrom list the previous Italian film featuring Pierino Gamba. However, Benzi was 10, and appeared on film again in the equally pompous sounding **"L'APPEL DU DESTIN"** ("Call of Destiny", 52). Nothing else is known about him.

See **"PRELUDE TO FAME"**, made the following year, and subject index under **MUSIC / YOUNG MUSICIANS** and **PRODIGES / GIFTED CHILDREN**.