

Hans Fehér

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Born: Johann Anton Weiss; Vienna, Austria; September 14th 1922

Died: Los Angeles; April 1st 1958

Son of director Friedrich Fehér and actress Magda Sonja



The Robber Symphony

Source: *The Moving Picture Boy*

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

“Hans’s mother was the actress Magda Sonja, his father the director Friedrich Fehér. (Fehér’s real name was Weiss. He was born in 1889, studied in Vienna, acted in Germany, was director of Vienna’s Renaissance-Theater 1924-25, and emigrated to Britain in 1933.)

The boy’s three films were all directed by his father, the first two being triple co-productions. (In the Czech versions he was billed as "Jeníček Fehér". His actual name was Johann Anton Weiss.) He was a dumpy,

agreeably ordinary-looking child with no great histrionic pre-tensions, but was fluent in Czech, German, French and English, and was said to have learned to walk the tightrope in less than a week.

In "**THE ROBBER SYMPHONY**", a whimsical extravaganza based on a story by Anton Kuh, Hans played Giannino, the child of a family of strolling players who fall in with some picturesque and not-too-frightening robbers. His mother played his mother, and his father, as well as directing, conducted the "Concordia Symphony Orchestra" in his own

score. "**ROBBER SYMPHONY**" – some of it filmed 15,000 feet up Mont Blanc – is a weird period piece which deserves an occasional airing.

After three unrewarding years in Britain, the Fehérs moved on to the USA, arriving in Los Angeles in December 1936. Friedrich

eventually found paltry work directing "soundies" – tiny cinema samplers of pop-video length, featuring bands and soloists of the time. After the war he returned to Germany, and died in Stuttgart in 1950. Young Hans, who became a Las Vegas croupier, didn't long outlive his father."



Giannino contemplates inventing the muff...

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FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
30	8	KDYZ STRUNY IKAJI ["When Strings Weep" / "Her Boy"]	(Czech/Austria/Germany) directed by father
32	10	STVANI LIDIE ["Hunted Men"]	(Czech/Austria/Germany) directed by father
36	14	THE ROBBER SYMPHONY	as Giannino, with mother Magda Sonja, directed by father