

Jake Lloyd? Noch nie gehört? Kein Wunder: Der jüngste Star der aktuellen *Star Wars*-Fortsetzung ist erst zehn Jahre alt. Er ist selbstbewusst, steckt Kritik an seinem Schauspieltalent locker weg und ärgerte das Filmteam bei den Dreharbeiten. Der Film, über den schon ganz Amerika spricht, kommt bei uns im August in die Kinos.

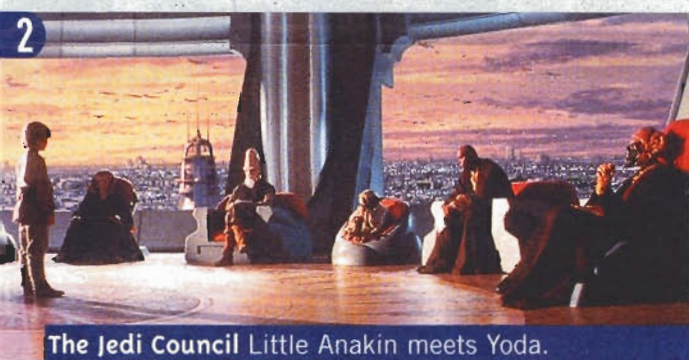
**T**hree years ago, in the Arnold Schwarzenegger film *Jingle All The Way*, Jake Lloyd played a kid looking for an action figure toy. Now he is one! Jake plays Anakin Skywalker in *Star Wars: Episode 1 – The Phantom Menace* and, in toy stores, Anakin is also an action figure. Jake talked about it online in a *starwars.com* chat. “I like being an action figure,” he said. “It’s really fun. I don’t really collect them, but I think they’re really cool.”

Besides becoming a living doll, what else does the ten-year-old actor like about his role in the film? “It’s doing the acting, meeting the people, going all over the place,” he told *Newsweek* magazine. “And the girls go nuts over me.”

Jake also had fun playing practical jokes on the set. “I froze the producer’s cigarette case,” he said in the *starwars.com* chat. “I don’t like it when people smoke. It’s not good for them. So I figured that would stop him. They have these large machines on the set for cooling, and I used one to freeze it.”

But it hasn’t been only fun and good times for the young star. Before the movie came out, there were a lot of rumors about Jake’s bad acting. In the US magazine *TV Guide*, Jake’s mom says that George Lucas hit the ceiling when he heard that Jake was called “Mannequin Skywalker.” However, in the same magazine Jake told his parents, “It’s only one person’s opinion. I know I did a good job. Besides, you guys love me. It doesn’t matter.”

That’s a pretty nice thing to say. Darth Vader would probably go after those critics with a light saber! And of course, as we all



The Jedi Council Little Anakin meets Yoda.

know, Jake’s character is Darth Vader as a child. Was it a problem for Jake that his character will become so bad? “No,” he said at the *starwars.com* chat, “because for me, Darth Vader has always been a good guy. He had so many chances to kill Luke Skywalker, and he never did.”

The media coverage of *The Phantom Menace* in the US and all over the world has been unbelievable. This movie is big! Was Jake nervous about starring in a film that so many people are talking about? No way! Jake was super cool about this hot film. “It’s just a regular film,” he said in the chat room, “... where I ... act and have fun.”

Wow! At ten years of age, Jake already sounds like a Hollywood professional! Actually, he’s been acting for half of his life and started making commercials when he was five. Before *The Phantom Menace* he was also on the hit US TV show *ER*. What does he do when he’s not working? “I ride my bike and play video games,” he said. “I go rollerblading and spend my time walking my dog J.J.” ■



The boss George Lucas with his young star.

Mary Beth Maslowski

Check out Spot on 17/99 (August 11). A few days before the film’s premiere in Germany, we will have more about Jake and the *Phantom Menace* film. May the force be with you!

**This article is in American English**

Jedi	in <i>Star Wars</i> eine Art Ritter
menace	Gefahr, Bedrohung
toy store	(US) Spielwarenladen, -geschäft
chat	Plauderei; hier: Internetchat
doll	Puppe, Figur
all over the place	überall (hin)
to go nuts over somebody	⌘ ganz wild nach jemandem sein
practical joke	Streich
set	Drehort (beim Film)
(on the set)	bei den Dreharbeiten)
to freeze, froze, frozen	(ein-)frieren
cigarette case	Zigarettenetui
to figure ['fɪgʃr]	(US) sich denken
movie ['mu:vi]	(US) Film
rumor ['ru:mɹ]	Gerücht
to hit the ceiling ['si:liŋ]	⌘ an die Decke gehen, die Wand hochgehen
mannequin ['mæni:kɪn]	(Schaufenster/Schneider-)Puppe
you guys [gʌz]	(US) ⌘ hier: ihr

to go after somebody	jemandem nachlaufen; hier: auf jemanden losgehen
critic	Kritiker(in)
light saber	Lichtschwert
(saber)	Säbel)
character ['kærəktɪr]	Figur, Gestalt (in Roman, Theaterstück oder Film)
media coverage ['mi:diə kʌvərɪdʒ]	Medienecho
big	⌘ hier: eine große Sache
to star	eine Hauptrolle spielen
no way	⌘ ganz und gar nicht
regular ['regjʊlə]	normal
chat room	Diskussionsforum im Internet
professional [prə'feʃnəl]	Profi
actually ['æktʃʊəli]	tatsächlich
commercial [kə'mɜ:ʃl]	(US) Werbespot
to walk one's dog	den Hund ausführen
to check out	⌘ sich anschauen
may the force be with you	Abschiedsgruß in <i>Star Wars</i>





## Jake Lloyd

<b>Birthday:</b>	<b>March 5, 1989</b>
<b>Family:</b>	<b>Parents and his younger sister, Madison</b>
<b>Home:</b>	<b>Southern California</b>
<b>Would most like to meet:</b>	<b>Will Smith</b>
<b>Films and TV shows:</b>	<i>Jingle All the Way</i> (film) ( <i>Versprochen ist Versprochen</i> ) <i>Unhook the Stars</i> (film) ( <i>Ein Licht in meinem Herzen</i> ) <i>ER</i> (TV show) <i>The Pretender</i> (TV show)
<b>Next project:</b>	<b><i>Crown of Blood</i>. In this film Jake plays the young Alexei Romanov, the last Russian <u>Czar</u>.</b>

Czar [zɑ:r]

Zar



**Jingle All The Way** Little Jake and muscleman Arnold.