



HANS VAN TONGEREN

(Biography)

Hans Van Tongeren, who plays Jan Tollen, a moody young Dutchman in "Summer Lovers," most recently starred in Paul Verhoven's "Spetters," a Dutch film which has received outstanding critical acclaim both in Europe and the United States. The press here likened it to a Dutch "Breaking Away," with realistic grit.

Van Tongeren was cast for "Summer Lovers" in an unusual way. While agents combed New York and Los Angeles for a suitably Germanic actor, and while executive producer Joel Dean scouted Germany itself, Hans was vacationing at the Santorini Youth Hostel. "Summer Lovers" was filming on the same island. Daryl Hannah, one of the three stars, spotted him on a lazy Sunday afternoon on a crowded village street. She recognized him from his compelling performance in "Spetters," and convinced him to meet with director Randal Kleiser. Hans agreed to take the part, even though it entailed commuting from Santorini to Amsterdam to Crete to accommodate a previous commitment.

"Summer Lovers" is a Randal Kleiser Production, written and directed by Kleiser. Mike Moder was the producer and Joel Dean was executive producer. It is a Filmways Picture.

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