

ADAM HICKS

With his adorable face, red hair and freckles, Adam could be Ron Howard's twin when he played "Opie" on "The Andy Griffith Show". Certainly the producers of "The Best of Andy Griffith" thought so, because Adam's first job was playing the young Ron Howard. From there he joined the TV series "Titus" where he played the part of "Young Dave" for three seasons.

Adam became obsessed with acting at seven-years-old after watching "Home Alone" every night "for as long as I can remember", says his Mom, Lucy Hicks. Adam begged his parents to let him become an actor, but their advice was to wait until high school and take drama classes. But one day, as Adam was riding in the car with his mother, they heard about an audition taking place right then with some Hollywood talent scouts. Adam gave his mother a pleading look, and what could she do but drive him there. Of course the place was packed, and Lucy knew they did not stand a chance – but when Adam auditioned she heard one of the agents say "Get this one's mother." Next came "Best of Andy Griffith", then "Titus". He also co-starred as "Robbie Funkhouser" in the Frank Oz directed "The Funkhouser" television series.

Adam plays the male juvenile lead of "Mikey Stevens" in "The 12 Dogs of Christmas". Son of the infamous "Dog Lady" of Doverville, Mikey works with his mother to take care of orphaned dogs. He becomes the young heroine's, Emma's, first friend, and with her, helps to win the day against the "no dogs" law of the town.

Adam Hicks also starred in this year's feature film "Down and Derby". He has just finished production on "How to Eat Fried Worms" based on the best-selling children's book by Thomas Rockwell which will be released by New Line & Walden Media in 2006. In a stretch for the charming young man, Adam plays one of the leads in the movie as "Joe Guier", the school bully, feared by all the kids in school. When the script came in, Lucy said to Adam "Honey, this isn't for you, you aren't a bully" and he said "Mom, you're right but I am an actor and a true actor should be able to play any role - It's called acting!!"

About to enter his teenage years, Adam loves skateboarding, hip hop and playing the drums, but his first and most dedicated passion still remains acting.