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Comment:

I have been dying to get my hands on the animated film (TV) "Gnomes" (1980), directed/produced by Jack Zander, (imdb-link: '<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0343727/>'). This was shown on swedish television on five different occasions in the 80's. There have been numerous attempts (by others than me) to get the swedish television (SVT) to show this again but they claim they cannot show this because nobody knows who owns the copyright to it. Rumour has it that this was because of some bankruptcy and/or problem with the estate of a deceased person. This seems to suggest that the work is "orphaned" and is "lost" to the world (in the sense that nobody can watch it unless they have a vcr recording of it - which I unfortunately don't have). Apparently SVT has tried to get a hold of the copyright owners but failed... I would love to get this on dvd, but that requires that the above mentioned problem gets solved somehow.