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## ***Best in Show***

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### **'The Agency of the Orphan'**

Judging by these eight-by-10 headshots (which list vital stats of height, weight, and eye and hair color), the quickest way to superherodom is to lose your folks early, preferably violently. Hence the numerous comic-strip and cinematic versions of Clark Kent and Bruce Wayne, and Disney characters, too, since Uncle Walt liked nothing better than to kill parents in the first act. Add to this little Annie, of course, and Dolores Haze, with her frank, nymphet gaze. Artist Anna Craycroft has gathered hundreds of pictures of fictional orphans (plus her own drawings and sculptures of them) to illustrate that, from *Les Misérables'* Cossette to *Lord of the Flies'* Piggy, it's best to get Mom and Dad out of the picture early to really rev up a kid's character.

*Tracy Williams, 313 W 4th, 212-229-2757. Through April 25.*

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