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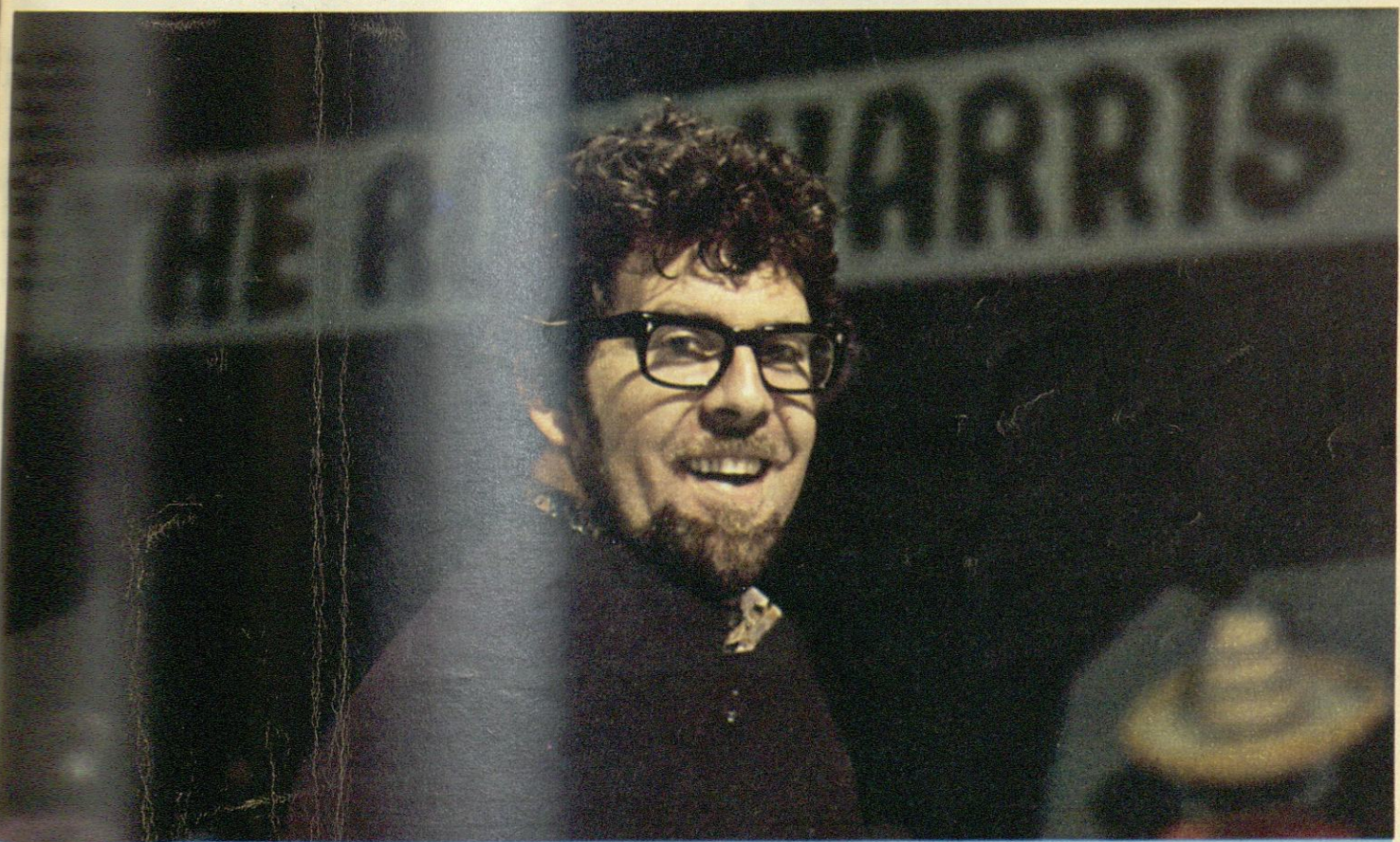


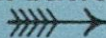
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... and whether it's with a microphone or paintbrush he does it equally as well. For this versatile entertainer from 'down under' is an artist in both senses of the word! Bearded and bespectacled, Rolf's lightning cartoons and sketches are as much a part of his act as such all-Australian songs as 'Tie Me Kangaroo Down, Sport' and 'Sun Arise'. In fact, so much has art played an important role in his life that he even taught it at one time in his hometown of Perth, Western Australia. And in 1956, some years later, he was selected to exhibit at London's famous Royal Academy! It hardly seems surprising that his Welsh wife, Alwen Hughes, has a keen interest in art and is a sculptress. Where did they first meet? At art school, of course! If you're wondering by now as to how Rolf ever came into show-biz — instead of a life-long career before a canvas — the answer can be found during his 

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← early years in Australia.

At the same time as he was a school-teacher, he was also playing piano, though mainly for the amusement of his friends. But Rolf had always had an interest in show business, ever since he made his first public appearance as a musician at the age of eleven!

Then he won an Australian-wide amateur radio talent contest and so started to do local radio and theatre dates. Though all the while, he didn't forget his painting.

At twenty-two he arrived in England with his life savings—two-hundred-and-ninety-seven pounds—in his pocket.

His plan? To enrol at art school and pay his way by working his evenings in cabaret.

But his plan worked too well! In 1954, he made his TV debut here as a cartoonist-storyteller.



Rolf makes some music with his Wobble-Board

Five years later, after marrying Alwen, he returned to his homeland to produce and star in a children's television series.

It was hard work, as he explained, "I painted the scenery, wrote the material, appeared in and produced the five daily half-hour shows myself—and starred in my own Monday late night half-hour—every week for a year!"

But having lived in England once, he soon 'boomeranged' back to great triumph with 'Sun Arise'.

All-Rounder Rolf

"The melody is a straight Aborigine tune—though Westernised a little," he said. Certainly the formula was a successful one!

Today, Rolf is an inter-

national star, travelling from country to country to entertain his audiences. He is a singer, song-writer, musician, brilliant cartoonist and can sport a laugh without even trying. But of all his activities which does he like the most?

"I enjoy them all equally," came the almost anticipated answer.

Off-stage Rolf loves making things out of papier mâché, is very partial to an Indian curry and goes 'where I'm not known' for his holidays. He also takes trips out to his night club in Malta—though that often means he spends his evenings entertaining.

Even so, he keeps trying different things—and, one day, hopes to make a film: 'not as an actor playing a role, but as myself!' he pointed out.

But for the moment he is busy with his new London Weekend Television programmes—seven forty-five minute variety shows—which start this Saturday.

Guest stars include Shirley Bassey, Val Doonican, David Frost and Blue Mink and, as usual, Rolf will be singing and sketching and, no doubt, telling a few funny stories. Why not look in and see?