

Proud day ahead for star father Rolf

NOW BINDI SHOWS SHE'S A BIG DRAW



PROUD DAD: Rolf has Bristol Poly date

QUICK DRAW cartoon funny man Rolf Harris comes face-to-face with some works of art from his daughter when he opens Bristol's biggest art and fashion show on Thursday.

Bindi Harris is just completing a three-year degree course in Fine Arts at Bristol Polytechnic's Bower Ashton college.

And her Dad, known to millions of viewers for his lightning sketches, has been asked to do the honours at its end of year exhibition.

Frittered

It will be a proud moment for Rolf who admits he "frittered away" his own time at Art School.

He said: "I didn't learn anything useful. I just wish I had stuck to my guns and stayed there when I had the chance."

"But I had no money and had to get out in the world to make some to keep myself. I went into

the entertainment game and that took over as it were.

"I have always cherished a desire to get back and do some of the things I didn't do then. The most important one being life drawing. I can do comedy drawings but I'd love to be able to do real drawings from life."

Bindi, in her mid-twenties, spent some time working as a shop assistant after leaving school: "Then she realised all she wanted to do was paint and asked us if she could try. She got



BINDI HARRIS: finishing three-year arts course

into Bristol and was thrilled."

But Rolf, aged 60, says Bindi's not one to turn to him for artistic advice: "Anybody can give Bindi advice except me. The minute I do it it's like a parent criticising, she

finds it very hard to take. It's the same for me with her."

"I'm very much based on reality, drawing what I see, whereas Bindi is able to go off into her imagination and paint things she remembers

without having to have them stuck there in front of her like me."

Rolf's wife Alwen is a sculptor. Bindi is their only child.

He's no stranger here fre-

quently to film his popular Cartoon Club at HTV.

Work on a new series begins in July for screening in the autumn.

The last series is currently being repeated through the summer.

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