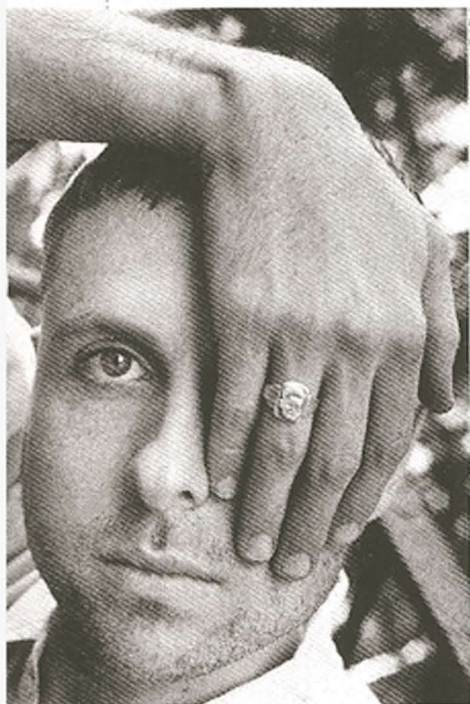


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GURU ADRIAN WOWS HANNA-BARBERA

Could Australia be responsible for the next big cartoon trend in the United States? It could if Aussie artist **David Art Wales** has his way. Wales, 29 (his middle name is Arthur),



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A CARTOON CHARACTER David Art Wales's serious art is taking a back seat to Guru Adrian.

moved to New York from Sydney four years ago, but he's remembered at home for his 1980s creation **Guru Adrian**. The cheery boy guru—with “the secret of eternal youth he remained 7 forevermore”, says his creator—popped up on T-shirts and posters that soon became hip collectables. And now Adrian could become the subject of a TV series. Major animation studio Hanna-Barbera, producers of *The Flintstones* and *The Jetsons*, have held discussions in Los Angeles with Wales, and the company is now planning to produce a seven-minute pilot of the show aimed at the Saturday-morning TV market. “I met Mr Barbera himself,” says Wales, “and I told him I had this dream of *Tom and Jerry*, *The Jetsons*, *Yogi Bear* and then *Guru Adrian*. The idea that he could become part of that tradition seems perfect to me.” ■