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Sister act

Sadie Frost's sibling, screen starlet Holly Davidson is taking centre stage after her striptease with Kate Moss

Holly Davidson — up-and-coming actress, 21-year-old half-sister of Sadie Frost and all-round jolly good thing — has been very busy of late. A few weeks back she was helping Kate Moss and Leah Wood kick start London Fashion Week as one of the stars of a heart-stopping striptease show for Sadie's Frost French clothing collection. Yesterday she was modelling big sis' latest lingerie for GQ. Today, she's making brisk progress through an all-day breakfast at a café in her north London stomping ground of Primrose Hill.

"I was sooo nervous," says Holly of the fashion show. "At the rehearsal everything went wrong. First Kate couldn't get any of her clothes off and then when I went to take off my top my boobs fell out!" No such luck on the night, which went off without a hitch; much like everything else in Holly's life right now. "I am a very lucky girl," she admits with a winning smile.

Davidson has been acting since she moved to London at 16. She has already constructed a creditable CV, including a recent 18-month stint on *The Bill* (she played "troubled" PC Roz Clarke). "Growing up in Shropshire," she notes, "you could either become a farmer or you could go and work in Boots. So saying you wanted to be an actress was crazy. But I'd seen Sadie succeed so I knew it could be done."

Her big-screen credits include *Final Cut*, alongside Ray Winstone, Sadie and her husband, Jude Law;

and *Food Of Love*, directed by Stephen Poliakoff and starring Richard E Grant. Most memorably, she played opposite Sean Bean and Alex Kingston in the violent thriller, *Essex Boys*. "That was fun," she says. "My character was a bit of a tart, really." She had to sleep with Sean Bean, and then he killed her. It was that kind of film.

Currently "resting" between projects, Davidson is filling her time learning sign language (one of her nephews is deaf) and kickboxing. "I've only been doing it for four months," she enthuses, "but I've already got my red belt." In layman's terms, she explains matter-of-factly, this means she could undoubtedly beat me up.

But acting remains her passion. "I love it so much," she says. "This might sound bigheaded but I've always wanted to succeed, to be acknowledged as a serious actress; and I know I will." As for the doubters who will forever bedevil the family members of superstars like Frost and Law, Holly is well-prepared. "I know some people will say I've only done well because of them, but you shouldn't care what people think. As long as I know it's not true, then it won't stop me."

On the evidence of no more than an hour in Holly's impeccably cheery company, it's impossible to think of anything that could stop her. "I don't want to settle for second-best," she says brightly. Somehow, you suspect she might not have to. AB

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