

# DRUMM

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works in China and is a specialist in English as a second language. She speaks Mandarin. It's sort of fun to go with her to a Chinese restaurant. A voice I cannot recognize comes out of my daughter's mouth. It's a whole different person. She has a world I don't know. But I always expected her to succeed. I expected all my daughters to be successes — and they are.

*Tamula Drumm:* My father always expected as much of us as he would have a son. He once arranged a job for me in the kitchen at Bill Crocker's restaurant because he wanted me to understand what it was like to labor. It was hot and miserable, but I learned that kind of job is valuable.

When I was a little kid I didn't want to use my father's name to

get special treatment. I thought it was great that people recognized his work, but I'm me.

When we were really small, the teacher would take roll call and stop at my name and say: Are you Don Drumm's daughter? I think I consciously rebelled against becoming an artist.

Our father always encouraged us to be self-starters. If there isn't a niche, make one. I've always appreciated the fact he tells us what

he thinks. For a while he thought I should be a lawyer. I didn't think so. But we could always talk it out.

*Leandra Drumm:* I've always considered myself the son. I was my father's last chance to have one. I was kind of a tomboy and hung around him a lot. But what I enjoy is doing things myself and being judged on my own merits; then, after the fact, having people recognize that I'm Don Drumm's

daughter. It's a nice thing. I don't think of the name and then something spectacular. He's just my father and I love him.

It's funny, but I've been following in his footsteps and never knew I was. I found after I was studying graphic design that he had studied graphic design, too.

As I've gotten older I've learned a lot of respect for my father. He never stops. He never turns off the creative juice. When I see what I accomplish in a day and am proud of that, I look back and see what he's done. And he's done his work and helped me with mine.