



The performing Partridges, ABC's rollicking, musical family. From left to right are actors Susan Dey, Shirley Jones, Suzanne Crough, David Cassidy, Danny Bonaduce. Jeremy Gelbwaks is in the rear.

Sing Along with the Partridges

SING A LITTLE, swing a little. That's the idea on *The Partridge Family*, a new musical-comedy series this season.

"I love it," says Danny Bonaduce. Danny plays a ten-year-old, red-haired, freckled-faced genius whose name is Danny. And he's just one of the unusual Partridge family children. There are also Keith, Laurie, Chris, and Tracy.

What makes the Partridges unusual is their crazy musical career. They start out by making a rock 'n' roll

record in their garage. When their lead singer gets the mumps, things look bleak indeed. But another Partridge joins the group and saves the day. Who's that? Shirley Partridge, the children's mother!

How does a record made in a garage become a hit? On this show it's easy with a determined ten-year-old like Danny. He thinks of all kinds of schemes to get the record heard, and won't give up, even when the key man to their success is at the airport, about to catch a plane. With business enterprise, naturally Danny succeeds, and soon the family is in business — show business, that is.

They buy an old school bus, paint it in wild colors and set out to tour the country with glamorous, blonde Mother Partridge at the wheel.

On each show in the series the family has a new adventure. It might be about Keith, the oldest, falling in love. Or about seven-year-old Christopher who plays the drums. Or about Simone, the family's dog. Or it might be about one of the many situations thought up by Danny, the operator, who has a knack for getting his family in — and out — of trouble.

"I play a kind of genius who invests in stocks," says Danny, the actor, "I do some singing too." Each week on *The Partridge Family* an original new song is introduced.



All aboard for a *Partridge Family* tour in their crazy colored bus.



Danny Bonaduce taught himself to play the guitar.

Danny Bonaduce isn't exactly new to TV. He has also appeared on *Bewitched*, *My World and Welcome to It*, *The Ghost and Mrs. Muir* and several other programs.

Danny is a fourth-grader in a school in California. When he is working on the show, he attends a special school at the studio. Then he combines schoolwork with acting.

What advice would Danny give to other ten-year-olds with acting ambitions?

"Just be yourself," he told me. "Act normal."

Danny hopes to continue his acting career as an adult. "I would like to be a comedian," he says, "a serious comedian." Two adult actors who Danny especially admires are Henry Fonda and Jimmy Stewart. "I think they're real good comedy actors," says Danny.

Besides his interest in acting, Danny plays the guitar and is teaching himself to type. One of his favorite pastimes is riding. He has a horse named Patience and a minibike. He also has half a basset hound named Samantha. (The other half belongs to his older brother.)

Just for fun I asked Danny to name his favorite TV programs. "There's only one," he said, "*The Partridge Family*."