

# Half an hour with DAVID CASSIDY

Who would you like to chat with for only half an hour? In a special interview Diana's girl in Hollywood chose **DAVID CASSIDY**.

Where and when were you born, please?  
David: In New York—22 years ago.

Do you come from a show business family?  
You bet—my father is Jack Cassidy, who's been well known for years as a singer and actor.

How do you get on with Shirley Jones, who plays your mother in "The Partridge Family" on TV?  
Great! She's my step-mother in real life! She and my father married when I was six. We've always got along fine. That also goes for me and my step-brothers Shaun, Patrick and Ryan.

## BOYHOOD INTERESTS

Your main interests as a boy?  
Basketball, badminton and baseball. I was also fascinated by movies—especially Disney. I remember once Shirley took Shaun and me to try to see "Pinocchio." We queued for an hour, but still couldn't get in. We were so fed up, Dad hired a print of the film and showed it on the home projector.

How did you get into show business?  
I was determined to make it on my own. After leaving high school, I worked for a year with a Los Angeles theatre group for very little money. I later worked in summer stock—the equivalent of your repertory. Then I attended musical comedy classes in New York.

Which were your most important achievements before "The Partridge Family"?  
I had a leading role in "Fig Leaves Are Falling" on Broadway. Then I had a useful part on TV in an episode of "Ironside."

## SUCCESS STORY

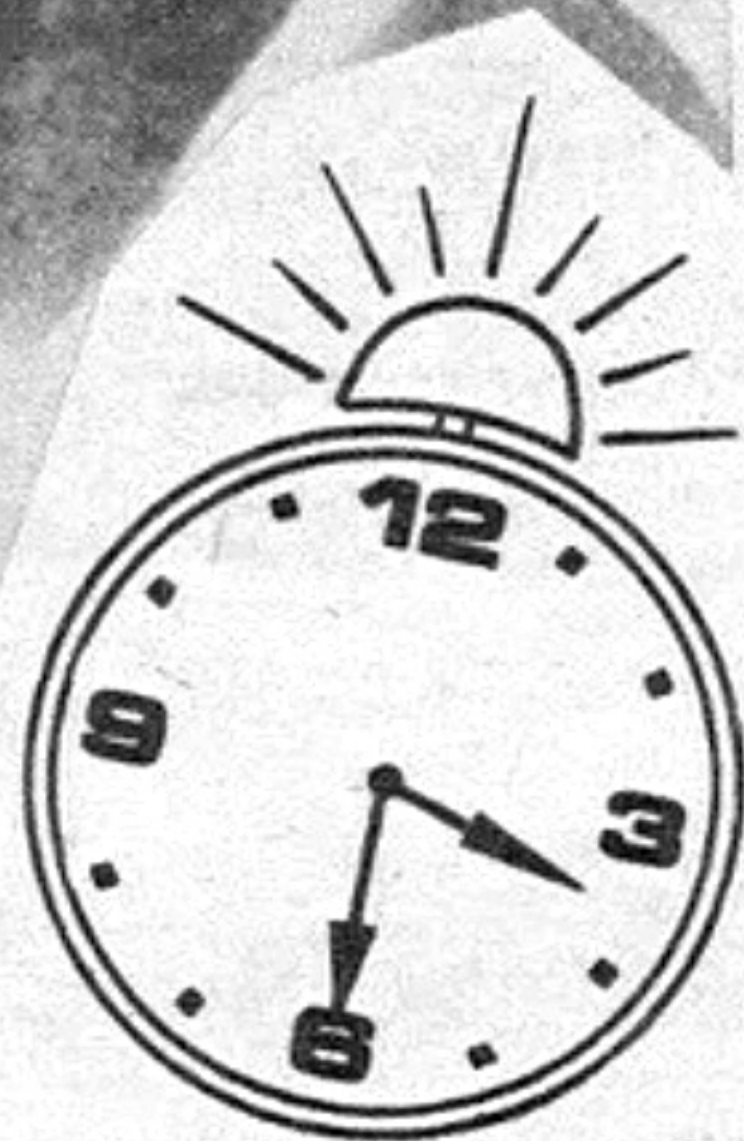
What's the story of your success as a singer?  
I was hired for "The Partridge Family" as an actor. But, when the producers heard me sing, they decided I ought to be built up as a singer. This led to me being lead singer on "Partridge" discs like "I Think I Love You" and "Doesn't Someone Want To Be Wanted."

But you're also a hit doing concerts . . .  
That's been very exciting. One of the most wonderful dates was last August at the Garden State Arts Centre in New Jersey. The theatre holds 10,000. It was packed solid for each of the two shows.

What's your favourite outfit on stage?  
A white fringed jacket shirt with a square cut-away at the chest—and white fringed trousers.

What sort of stuff do you sing?  
Mostly Partridge Family favourites plus a few standards.

How's your fan club doing?  
It has around 200,000 members—and I'm very honoured.



Time's up!  
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