

# Teen heartthrob turns

# 60!

## David Cassidy plays Waterfront Convention Center Friday



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Former teen heartthrob David Cassidy, star of 'The Partridge Family,' will perform at the Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf on Friday.

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David Cassidy has a special connection to Iowa — one that he'll celebrate at a concert Friday night at the Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf.

In 1970, the top pop-radio station in Cedar Rapids was the first in the nation to play "I Think I Love You" — a song from "The Partridge Family" — and it became the biggest-selling record of the year, Mr. Cassidy recalled in a recent interview.

"It had never happened before — went nowhere to No. 1 in one week. It created such a buzz," he said. "I haven't

been to Iowa in forever. I want to pay respects and homage to those people who have been such fans of mine."

Mr. Cassidy, who turned 60 April 12, had acted on Broadway and in several television shows by the time he was chosen in 1970 to star as teen heartthrob Keith Partridge, along with his stepmother, Shirley Jones, in ABC's "The Partridge Family." He led seven chart-topping Partridge Family singles and, by age 21, became the world's highest-paid performer, with membership in his official fan club exceeding that of Elvis Presley and the Beatles.

"It was the right role at

the right time. All the stars aligned, which rarely happens," Mr. Cassidy said. "They looked for something unique — something different and special, as opposed to today, what all sounds the same."

His first three albums went triple platinum. "For that time, that was extraordinary," he said.

He graced the covers of many magazines, and his likeness appeared on everything from posters to lunch boxes, comic books to toys and cereal boxes. His concerts sold out the largest arenas and stadiums in the world, including breaking records in London,

### ► If you go

- **What:** David Cassidy.
- **When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.
- **Where:** Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State St., Bettendorf.
- **Tickets:** \$45; \$40 for IsleOne members; (800) 843-4753.

New York, Houston, and Melbourne, Australia. His albums have sold more than 30 million copies worldwide and have been recognized

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