

David Cassidy has been recording a new album in between performing in his Las Vegas spectacular "EFX." There are also plans for a **Partridge Family/Cassidy** greatest-hits package (with four previously unreleased Partridge Family tracks). However, Cassidy doesn't want that effort confused with his new album. "They're two separate projects. My fear is [people] are going to see me as a dinosaur and that I'm not doing

contemporary music, while I am."

Cassidy plans to release the new album on his own. "I'm not going to go begging for a mediocre deal," he says. "I haven't pursued getting a label deal. I don't want to hear no—maybe it's my ego." Cassidy, who is co-creator of the recently debuted Fox TV show "Ask Harriet," says he's enjoying his career now more than ever. "Twenty-some years later I'm still getting to do what I love, but I'm having a much better time now because I'm steering the ship."