

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — David Cassidy, major heart throb of the bubblegum set in the early 1970s, is bent on becoming a serious actor.

Emerging from a self-imposed 3½-year exile, the former lead singer with the Partridge Family says he has begun grooming himself for a new start in show business.

His current role as the estranged son in Calgary Stage West's production of "Tribute" is part of the learning process, an opportunity to prove himself in a role he would have difficulty obtaining elsewhere, he said in an interview. "That's definitely not me."