

Cassidy sings at Keswick

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In the fall of 1970, "The Partridge Family" debuted, with Cassidy's real-life stepmother of 13 years, Shirley Jones, playing Mrs. Partridge. A short time before the show began, a Partridge Family single, "I Think I Love You," was released and eventually sold more than 6 million copies around the world.

The only real singer/musician in the cast of the show, Cassidy kicked off his solo recording career in 1971. He cut several more hits and mass hysteria greeted his world tours. At one point his fan club was so large it surpassed those of The Beatles and Elvis Presley.

Cassidy began to tone down the teen idol image after a 14-year-old fan died of a heart attack at a London show in 1974. He also quit the TV show that year and signed a long-term contract with

RCA in February 1975.

His last album for RCA, released only in Europe, came out in 1978. That same year Cassidy returned to television, receiving a Emmy nomination for best actor in a "Police Story" movie of the week and a starring role as a hip undercover cop in the short-lived series "Man Under Cover."

He used to chafe at his unending association with a character in a television show, but now says he sees the humor in being Keith Partridge. He is resurrecting his Partridge Family-era hits, such as "Cherish" and "I Think I Love You," for this tour because he thinks they were good records that have held up well.

David Cassidy, with special guest Danny Bonaduce, performs Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Keswick Theatre of Performing Arts, 291 Keswick Ave., Glenside. Tickets are \$15. Information: 572-7650 or 569-9400.