

# The Cassidy

DAVID—  
GROWING UP  
& MOVIN'  
ON



# Story

DAVID CASSIDY—

FOR YOUR WALL

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Turn the page and you'll find Part 1 of MIRABELLE's exclusive DAVID CASSIDY STORY in colour pictures. There are three parts in all—specially designed to pull out and make a frieze for your bedroom wall that's over thirteen feet long! Read on for the details of how to put it together—plus a few words to back the pictures!

All you have to do to start your personal frieze is to carefully remove these four centre pages—this week and for the next two weeks. You'll see that the colour pix of David are divided into three identical sections.

Take a pair of scissors and cut carefully along the dividing lines between sections—two cuts in all. That leaves you with three strips of pix—all the same size. Now join them end-to-end by applying sticky tape to the back of each join. A word of warning—make sure that the joins are level before applying the tape, or you run the risk of spoiling your frieze.

The first section is now ready—put it aside and wait for the other two, then join the whole lot together to make that frieze for your wall, and with it a truly-beautiful reminder that you haven't forgotten David!

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Falling'. Everything seemed too good to be true and David's world did in fact topple down a few days later because the show was a flop. Someone from CBS television had spotted him though and he was given a screen test. Next thing he knew he had a small spot in 'Ironside' and it was the first time he acted on TV.

Other bit parts followed including walk ons in 'Bonanza' and 'Marcus Welby'. Little did David realise what was in store for him when he went along to audition for the part as Keith Partridge in a new show to be called 'Family Business'. He got picked on his own merit but when the producer realised that David was the real stepson of Shirley Young who was playing

the mother's role, the name of the show was changed to 'The Partridge Family'.

He also began making records with producer Wes Farrell and David Cassidy became a household name. The studio even bought their star a Corvette car of his own, but there was pressure as well. At only twenty-one, David had to have his gall bladder removed.

At one stage he had to change his telephone number at least six times a month and he moved house four times in three years. There were even two unsuccessful kidnap attempts when he was nearly dragged into cars but David managed to cope with it all. Meditating for twenty minutes a day and getting a full eight hours sleep every

night he felt helped a lot. By 1973 David was a millionaire with his own ranch style house high in the hills of the San Fernando Valley complete with swimming pool and orange groves. On visiting Britain he had to stay on a yacht, Ocean Sabre, anchored in the Thames—because hotels were afraid of the damage his fans might cause.

Nicknamed "Super Puppy" by a lot of friends, David was working seven days a week and travelling up to six thousand miles in the same time. He toured New Zealand, Australia and Japan and visited many other countries before giving his farewell performance at Manchester after selling over twenty million records. He now spends a lot of his time in Hawaii where he always envisaged building his dream house run by solar energy and wind generators. But you're quite likely to spot him at an art gallery with Yoko Ono because they're very good friends. David has three step brothers, Shaun, Patrick and Ryan and Shaun is tipped by some to be the next star Cassidy.

David has been keeping a low profile for the last eighteen months or so—the result of his desire to win the freedom to do the things HE wants to do and record the songs HE wants to record.

However, with a newly-signed record contract under his arm, it looks as though he's created the right atmosphere. And one mistake he's determined NOT to make is rushing into something before he's sure it's right. Hence his refusal to accept a number of movie roles.

But all the signs are that he's ready to go again—so stand by for some action!

Our David has had lots of ups and downs in his career, remembered here—but now, with his freedom won and a new recording contract gained, we can look forward to seeing a new-look Cassidy emerge from the shadows...

David Cassidy is the son of Jack Cassidy and Evelyn Ward and he was born on April 12th 1950 in New York. His parents were very pleased to have started a family and they named the baby David Bruce. As both his mother and father were in show business, David grew up with the stage and at the age of three called out "That's my daddy" when he saw his pop make his entrance in a play. But things didn't stay so happy for long because when David was only five years old his parents were divorced and he went to live with his mum and his grandparents in New Jersey. There he settled down happily until he went to Los Angeles to attend Emerson Junior High School. By that time he could play several instruments quite well including the guitar and piano and had had a lot of practice with his singing at Sunday School.

After graduating in 1967 from Rexford, a private school in Beverly Hills, California, David worked with the Los Angeles Theatre Group and won himself a small part in a play called 'And So To Bed'. But his heart was set on going to New York where his father was living so he took a job in the mail room of a garment factory and went to the David Craig School of Musical Comedy in the evening. He stuck at his job for five months even though it only paid him thirty dollars and eighty cents a week, which was hardly enough to live on. David couldn't believe his luck when he landed a part in a Broadway Musical, 'Flg Leaves Are

