

'Family' reunion

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A "Partridge Family" reunion at Club Bene?

Well . . . at least *one-third* of the fictional singing family will take the stage at that South Amboy venue on Sunday.

David Cassidy, 41, will sing "Partridge Family" oldies and songs from his self-titled 1990 comeback album. Opening for him will be his onetime TV little brother, Danny Bonaduce, 32, doing stand-up comedy. Both first won fame on ABC-TV's 1970-74 sitcom, "The Partridge Family."

THE DAVID CASSIDY-DANNY BONADUCE show is at 9 p.m. Sunday at Club Bene. Tickets are \$30 with dinner, \$20 without. For further information, call (908) 727-3000.

"I haven't sung a lot of these songs in 15 years or more," Cassidy said over the phone from Los Angeles between rehearsal sessions. "A couple of them I haven't sung in 20. It's really great to rediscover some of these songs."

Of Bonaduce, Cassidy said: "I think he's getting his personal life together. I've encouraged him to do standup for the last couple of years because I believe in his talent. I'm probably the only friend he has in Hollywood that hasn't abandoned him. That's the kind of friends people make out here, I guess."

Cassidy describes his "Partridge Family" character Keith Partridge as "totally the antithesis of who I was. I lived in Southern California during the '60s as a teen-ager. It was an amazing time to be alive. I was pretty much on the cutting edge of what was going on all over the place. I was accused of being a hippie by a lot of people. I tended to be a rebel. I was kicked out of high school twice."

And Cassidy says he'll never participate in a "Partridge Family" reunion project. "It would permanently taint our impression of the whole thing," he said. "When you finish something that's *that* successful, it's perfect. To go back would be messing with it, and I think that's a mistake."