



David Cassidy, formerly a star on *The Partridge Family*, now plays a twin raised separately from his sibling in *Blood Brothers*. The play opens at the Palace Theatre in Cleveland tomorrow.



Petula Clark plays the poor mother of David Cassidy and his brother, who was raised in a privileged household.

# Cassidy moves past old teen role

• 'Partridge Family' star faces new challenge as British 'Blood Brother'

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David Cassidy is proud of the work he did when he was 19, when he starred on TV with his stepmother Shirley Jones in *The Partridge Family*.

"It's nice when people acknowledge that," he says. "I love the fact that people loved it."

But Cassidy isn't 19 anymore, and he prefers to focus on the work he does today at age 44.

That work, of late, has been to star with Petula Clark in *Blood Brothers*, first on Broadway and now on national tour. The musical drama opens at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Palace Theatre on Cleveland's Playhouse Square.

Willy Russell's prize-winning

## Details

**Play:** *Blood Brothers*  
**Where:** Palace Theater, 1615 Euclid Ave., Cleveland  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. tomorrow-Friday, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday  
**Onstage:** David Cassidy (in all but the Sunday evening performance) and Petula Clark head a cast of 16  
**Offstage:** Willy Russell, book, music and lyrics; Bill Kenwright and Bob Tomson, directors; Andy Walmsley, set and costume design; Joe Atkins, lighting design; Paul Astbury, sound design; Ron Edwards, musical direction  
**Cost:** \$23.50-\$42.50  
**Information:** (800) 766-6048

saga of British class strife and rivalry was loved in Liverpool, where the story is set, and in London, where it is in its sixth year at the Phoenix Theatre. But it was on the verge of closing in New

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