



● David Cassidy takes center stage in "EFX" at Las Vegas' MGM Grand Hotel.

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# David Cassidy turns up glitz in a Las Vegas extravaganza

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**D**avid Cassidy has gone high tech.

The singer-actor, best known for his role as Keith on "The Partridge Family," is starring in "EFX," a \$40 million musical and special effects show at Las Vegas' MGM Grand Hotel.

"It's the largest theatrical production in history and the No. 1 show in Vegas," he says proudly. "It's been a pretty remarkable year."

He also has found time to work on an "EFX" soundtrack album, a greatest hits package from his "Partridge" days (including five previ-

ously unreleased tracks) and a solo project, as well as co-creating and co-producing "Ask Harriet," a new Fox-TV sitcom. (He won't star in it.)

"You'll be hearing a lot of my solo album on the radio," Cassidy says confidently. "And if it gets big, I'll do concerts and dates and things."

What about a "Partridge Family" reunion flick?

Cassidy, 47, says he turned down "seven figures" to reprise his role in the '70s sitcom that followed the misadventures of singing siblings and their hot-pants-clad, widowed mother, played by Cassidy's hot-pants-clad stepmother, Shirley Jones.

"When you touch 100 million peo-

ple and have the biggest fan club in history, I know everyone would want to see it," he says. "Why would you ever want to do it again except for money, and I don't need it that badly. I just can't reopen it and write another chapter."

As for his fellow cast members, who included Susan Dey and Danny Bonaduce, Cassidy says he doesn't see them these days. "All of us have moved on, and I wish them the best."

Cassidy has a family of his own. He has been married to songwriter Sue Shifrin for seven years, and they have a son, Beau, 6.

For more information about "EFX," call (702) 891-1111.