LAS VEGAS Cassidy the casino star

David Cassidy has a reason to be happy — he's signed a multi-

year contract to perform at one of the city's resorts.

Cassidy and the Rio Suite Hotel & Casino announced Wednesday that the former teen idol will produce a new show at the resort, opening in January.



CASSIDY

Cassidy began his career as a sibling in the '70s television series "The Partridge Family." He moved to Las Vegas three years ago to headline the \$75 million "EFX" stage spectacular at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino, leaving the show in December.

Cassidy said his new show will be a "very high energy" produc-

"It will give me an opportunity to play a character much like myself," he said. "I will not be playing David Cassidy. I will be

playing a character with a lot of

similarities."