

# David Cassidy, Danny Bonaduce play Partridge song



David Cassidy, left, and Danny Bonaduce, who played brothers on 'The Partridge Family,' joke on stage before presenting the award at the annual Family Television Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — And to think they did it without any help from Reuben Kincaid!

A mini-Partridge Family reunion was held Saturday in Atlantic City when David Cassidy and Danny Bonaduce played a song onstage together. They say it was only the second time in 40 years they've done so.

Bonaduce, a Philadelphia disc jockey, portrayed Cassidy's younger brother on the '70s TV hit, but lip-synched and only pretended to play the

bass guitar on the show. On Saturday, after he did a stand-up comedy routine to open the show at Resorts Casino Hotel, Cassidy got him to play "Doesn't Somebody Want To Be Wanted."

Bonaduce learned that song for real when they played it together last October in suburban Philadelphia.

"We did it five, six months ago," Cassidy told The Associated Press. "He learned it and then he put the bass away and didn't touch it. I know him."

"That's not true," Bonaduce insisted. "I just dusted it the

other day."

"The Partridge Family" ran on ABC from 1970 through 1974. It centered on a musical family led by veteran actress Shirley Jones and her children playing light, infectious, hook-laden pop. Jones and Cassidy sang for real; the other actors on the show lip-synched and pretended to play instruments, including Susan Dey, who went on to star in the '80s legal drama "L.A. Law," Suzanne Crough, and Jeremy Gelbwaks and Brian Forster, who split the role of the band's drummer.

Since the show ended, Cassidy has enjoyed a long show biz career, including a solo singing stint during his teen idol phase, a starring role in the police series

"David Cassidy: Man Undercover," and a critically acclaimed role on Broadway in "Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in 1982.

Bonaduce is a radio personality on Philadelphia station WYSP and has starred on several reality TV shows.

He has also engaged in celebrity boxing and wrestling matches, including bouts against former "Brady Bunch" actors and retired baseball player Jose Canseco. □