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Biography

Cliff Weston

Cliff Wetterau

Vocalist, Trumpeter

(1913 - 1960)

Cliff Weston was born in Queens, New York and was a vocalist and trumpeter with the [Joe Haymes](#) band at least as early as 1933 when they charted the hit song, "[I Cover the Waterfront](#)."

When [Tommy Dorsey](#) took over the band in 1935, Weston went with it. While with Dorsey, Weston recorded two big vocal hits: the seasonal classic, "[Santa Claus Is Coming to Town](#)" with Edythe Wright (1935) and "Alone" (1936) which topped the charts that year. Both recordings are included in a number of compilations. He recorded two lesser known songs in 1935--"At a Little Church Affair" and "The Magic Key."

When Dorsey hired Jack Leonard, Weston returned to the new Haymes band and recorded the comical "I'se a Muggin'" (1936), written by violinist Stuff Smith, and the popular "Lady in Red."

- Sandra Burlingame

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