TOMMY DORSEY



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Dedication

The Tommy Dorsey Catalog Project is dedicated to the memory of Thomas Francis Dorsey III, the son of Tommy Dorsey, friend of the Glenn Miller Collections and author, and member of the University of Colorado Boulder American Music Research Center advisory board.



Tommy Dorsey and son "Skipper," Thomas Francis Dorsey III, Circa 1935 (Down Beat)



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SY OLIVER ARRANGEMENTS

RADIO SCRIPTS

<u>Personnel</u>

Personnel Changes are noted in **BOLD** throughout the documents.

Key To Abbreviations

AD Allan De Witt AJ Al Jolson ΒY Bunny Berigan BB **Betty Brewer** BC Bing Crosby BG Buddy Gately ΒN Barbara Canvin BR Buddy Rich BW Bonnie Lou Williams CH Connie Haines CS Charlie Shavers CW Cliff Weston CWT Cy Walter Trio C7 Clambake Seven Desi Arnaz DA Denny Dennis DD DE Duke Ellington

<u>Arrangers</u>

- AS Axel Stordahl
- BM Bernie Meyer
- DJ Dick Jones
- DK Deane Kincaide
- HS Howard Smith
- JM Jimmy Mundy
- NB Noni Bernardi
- PM Paul Mitchell PW Paul Wetstein
- PW Paul Wetstein ` (Paul Weston)
- SM Spud Murphy
- SO Sy Oliver

DH Dick Haymes EC Eddie Cantor Edythe Wright EW FK Frankie Lester FL Frances Langford FS Frank Sinatra FΤ Freddie Stewart GF Gracie Fields GP Gordon Polk JB Joe Buskin JD Johnny Desmond Judy Garland JG JS Jo Stafford KC Ken Curtis KK Kay Kyser Lucy Ann Polk LP Larry Stewart LS

- LT Liz Ťilton
 - IN S

- MR Martha Raye
- PH Phil Harris
- PM Paul Mason
- PP The Pied Pipers
- RM Russ Morgan
- SF Stuart Foster
- SH Skeets Herfurt
- SN Skip Nelson
- SO Sy Oliver
- TC The Town Criers
- TD Tommy Dorsey
- TS The
 - Sentimentalists
- TW Teddy Walters
- VB Vivian Blaine
- WH Woody Herman
- ZE Ziggy Elman

Broadcasts and Venues

- AR Hotel Astor Roof
- AT All Time Hit Parade
- CG Casino Gardens
- DD Dorsey Drive
- ET Electronic Transcription
- FF Fame and Fortune
- HP Hollywood Palladium
- LA Latin America
- MB Meadowbrook Ballroom
- NR No Recording of Broadcast
- PH Hotel Pennsylvania (Sky Roof)
- RE Remote Broadcast
- RK Raleigh-Kool Program
- TC Tommy Dorsey and Company
- TDS Tommy Dorsey Show
- TS Treasury Show

Theme Song Abbreviation

IGSOY I'm Getting Sentimental Over You

Broadcast Times

All broadcast times are local.

Archive Broadcasts and Recordings

Broadcasts preserved in the archive are noted in **BOLD** type

Issued studio recordings preserved in the archive are noted in BOLD type

Archive Identifications

The author maintains internal catalogs arranged by artist and broadcast type. Some recordings, tapes, and discs are duplicated among the Glenn Miller Collections. I specify the collection or collections in which the items are located and list Victor/RCA Victor studio recordings by RCA serial numbers. I catalog broadcasts and transcriptions by source and GMC internal ID (AFRS, CBS, NBC, etc.).

References

Library of Congress (LOC) NBC Radio Affiliate Clearance Records NBC Radio Program Scripts Victor Blue History Cards (Recording Sessions) Victor Ledgers (Recording Sessions)

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