

ODIA COATES

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## East P.A. singer to appear on Dean Martin's TV show

Odia Coates, 23-year-old East Palo Alto entertainer, will make her first major television appearance on the Dean Martin Show at 10 p.m. tonight on Channel 4.

Odia's past television credits include the Bill Cosbsy, Virginia Graham, and Leslie Uggams shows. She has recorded with the Sisters Love, Mahalia Jackson, Joanne Vent, and Bobby Taylor.

Odia broke into music as a teen-ager when she sang with the Southern California State Youth Choir, a group that included Billy Preston, Merri Clayton, Clydie King, and Mel Carter.

Odia moved to the Bay Area six years ago to attend San Jose State College. She soon found herself singing at Murphy Station in Sunnyvale, where she was backed at various times by Sly Stone and Bobby Taylor. Later she worked as lead vocalist with Brotherly Love.

She went home to Los Angeles in 1969 and soon found herself working with the Sisters Love, an offshoot of the Raelettes. She recorded "This Time Tomorrow" with them for the Manchild label.

She left the Sisters to join the Don Ellis Orchestra as featured vocalist and played the Factory in Hollywood and Basin Street West in San Francisco with the band.

Besides taping the Dean Martin Show, she did solo spots on the Virginia Graham program in October and December.



### Guest appearance

Odia Coates with Dean Martin, on whose show she will sing.