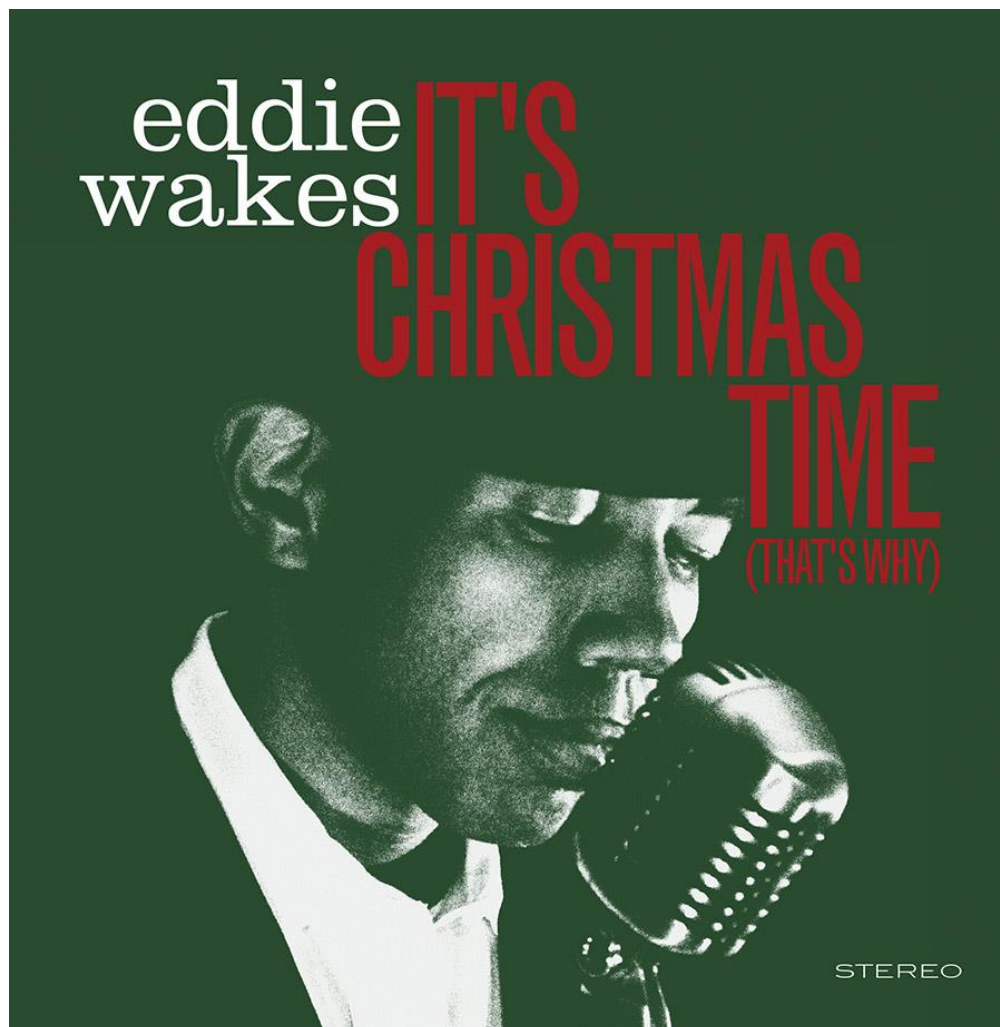


FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

# New Eddie Wakes single “It’s Christmas Time (That’s Why)” out now!

*“You don’t hear many voices like his today. Rich, delicate and effortlessly beautiful.”*  
– Damien Chazelle, Director, La La Land



DENVER, CO – Flatiron Recordings is very pleased to announce that “It’s Christmas Time (That’s Why)”, the new holiday single from vocalist extraordinaire Eddie Wakes, is available everywhere via <https://ffm.bio/eddiewakes>

Eddie Wakes’ life as a singer is the stuff movies are made of: from performing at the Super Bowl as a youngster, to being discovered years later singing on the street in Los Angeles by Hollywood A-listers. In fact, the first time Eddie Wakes’ recorded a Christmas song, it was for *Damien Chazelle’s LA LA Land*, after Damien discovered Eddie singing on the street in Santa Monica, CA.

That’s because when Eddie Wakes sings, he turns heads. His vocal style is reminiscent of another time; Wakes has a velvety, wide range baritone that doesn’t sound like other contemporary singers today. He’s a “tremendous singer” says Elvis Costello.

Wakes hails from Topeka, Kansas. Within his own family, a lineage of musical prowess served as his guiding light. He sang with his eight brothers, his father was a pastor and a phenomenal singer – Lionel Hampton asked him to sing with his big band – and Eddie, in turn, honed his skills in the vibrant crucible of church and school talent showcases. Wakes says, “Who were my great influences growing up singing? Well, my older brothers, and of course, the countless icons who influenced them: Sam Cooke, Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Billy Eckstine, Johnny Hartman, Aretha Franklin, Ella Fitzgerald, even James Brown.

Wakes’ debut album, *Street Singer, Vol. 1* featuring members of The Royal Crown Revue and produced by Marvin Etzioni, will be released on Flatiron Recordings in May 2025.

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