



Fresh News

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Happy New Year!

New Album

You will notice elsewhere within this issue the availability of a new studio recording by the current edition of the Four Freshmen. Work on this album titled - **The Four Freshmen - In Session** - began almost immediately after the release of the most recent "Live" album. **In Session** contains new arrangements of previously unrecorded songs and presents, really for the first time, the true character of this fine group of entertainers. We are pleased to have been able to assist with the production of this CD, but again, unfortunately, there will not be any commercial distribution. It will only be available from our Music Mart, from the Freshmen at concerts or via the internet. Order a couple of copies and pass one along to your local radio station! Listen to it carefully and you will note the exceptional vocals plus some outstanding instrumental accompaniment.

CRUISERS!

Jewels of Jazz Cruise-DEC. 3-10 2005
MEXICAN RIVIERA - 7 days-featured
The Four Freshmen... Mike Vax Big Band
with Stan Kenton Alumni...Steve Lippia
Vocalist...Jeff Hamilton Jazz Trio



submitted by Jeri Ann Kelly - FFS Member

If you were one of the 320 fans who sailed the Caribbean with us in June, 1998, you will be especially pleased to know we are doing it again - yet Bigger & Better! We received so many comments from happy cruisers who all said it was one of their greatest lifetime experiences. So - Jeri Ann Kelly is happily climbing the roller-coaster again to bring this opportunity back - especially for the Freshmen fans and jazz lovers alike. Since we have sailed the Caribbean several times, Alaska and New England/Canada - we've decided to leave from the West Coast this time. San Diego is a great port to depart from and air fares from the East Coast and Mid-West will be quite reasonable. Once you review the amazingly low rates we have, which includes the musician/entertainment costs, you will understand what a great opportunity this is for everyone. Detailed Brochures are available upon request.

This was offered for the first time at our wonderful July Convention. As of 11/15, over 200 persons are already booked. The choice for rooms is still good, so we suggest you consider getting your bookings made with deposit just as soon as you can. What a grand gift this would be! \$350 of your \$450 per person Deposit is refundable to final payment of September 1, 2005. You'll certainly want to add the Cancellation Insurance to secure your total cruise costs.

Brian, Lead Voice
Guitar, Bass, Piano



2nd Voice - Curtis
Trumpet, Flugelhorn



Vince - Bass, Guitar
Trombone



Bob -
Drums, Flugelhorn

News from our President

Also included within this issue is the first detailed information about the Amsterdam 2005 Convention. Plenty of time to review and plan for this excellent opportunity for some European travel and entertainment. The lineup for great musicians is outstanding!

There has been some interest in a "mini-Convention" of some type to accommodate those who cannot make the Netherlands trip, but at this time there are no such plans being developed. A suggestion has been offered that the Delta Queen cruise next September might be appropriate for an informal social affair.

There have been some management changes that were affected during our executive meetings in Grand Rapids in July. President-Emeritus John Bangs was elected to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors, replacing David Bentley. Retiring President Tom Purvis was elected to the position of Vice Chairman. President Purvis plans to relinquish the position following the 2005 convention!

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