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The plans are in order and we have some outstanding musicians contracted. Four performances of THE FOUR FRESHMEN are, of course, uppermost for all of us. Add it up and you have 6 delightful hours of just their tremendous talents! Let's hope you are finding the venues around the country where these amazing four young men are wowing the audiences. It's a sheer joy to hear the remarkable sounds and marvel at their stage performance. In reading The Fresh News, you know of the outstanding accolades from everyone - so, we are hoping many of you will be with us to enjoy every minute they are on stage.

The **Mike Vax Big Band** will be 18 musicians strong. Mike will have at least eleven of the Stan Kenton Alumni playing - among them: Gary Hobb on drums and Bob Florence on piano. If you watch our website or give us a call in a few months, we will have all the names for you. His bio is on our site - [www.jeriantravelpro.com](http://www.jeriantravelpro.com). Some of the comments: "Mike Vax Big Band is fast becoming one of the best in the nation....Mike's solo was one of those magic moments when the atmosphere crackled and everyone looked at each other as if to say 'Where'd this guy come from? Is he for real?' Mike Vax's reputation preceded him, and his performance matched everything expected!" You're in for exciting times and we're honored to have these musicians with us.

One of the most prominent, in-demand vocalists in the nation is **Steve Lippia**. He has quickly established his place among the finest of interpreters of the great American classic standards and traditional pop music. Featured with numerous pops symphonies in sell-out performances across the country, Steve has many comments from Executive Directors such as "many have said it was the BEST pops concert they had EVER seen anywhere in the country." It is immediately apparent that Steve's sound is reminiscent of a younger Sinatra, combined, perhaps, with that of Harry Connick, Jr. and Bobby Darin. You can catch him at *Birdland* in NYC or on *Jewels of Jazz Cruise*!

Recipient of 2 major 2004 awards - #1 Mainstream Jazz Drummer by *Modern Drummer* and for his Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra, #1 Big Band by *Downbeat* Reader's Poll....that's **Jeff Hamilton**! With a strong reputation in the jazz world, Jeff - on drums, Tamir Hendelman on piano and Christoph Luty on bass is a trio whose performance of standards take them to a level that is just sparkling! With Jeff's uncanny ability to play musical shapes that can mirror the tune and combined with Luty's perfection on the bass and Hendelman's excellent jazz keyboard talents, we will think we have gone to Heaven! The awards are well-deserved.

Once we have 400 persons booked, we can finalize our invitation for Tony Agostinelli to again honor us as our Master of Ceremonies. At 500 booked, we will be adding additional musicians to our lineup! Our exciting plans include a "History of Jazz" presentation by Mike Vax, along with a Panel Discussion event with our musicians and dignitaries. Also, we hope to have a fun and exciting Jam Session with a Drum Battle included. Our days at sea will certainly be filled with all that Holland America has to offer with the added joy of our music events.

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