

# FRESH LINKS

## Atlanta convention :

<http://twitter.com/ffanfare>

Whether you were at the Atlanta convention or not, you still can take in many of the sights and sounds.

The convention was the "best covered" in the history of these gathering with lots of videos and audio recordings that were made available via the Internet during and after the convention..

There also were frequent daily news updates from the convention posted online via the Four Freshmen FanFare site on Twitter. Those still can be found at <http://twitter.com/ffanfare>; you don't have to have a Twitter account to access them.

Here's a rundown of all the video and audio recordings available online that we know about, with descriptions and links. These simplified Web links have been created specially for this article and will take you to either the Four Freshmen Society Web site or YouTube.:

## Thursday Jam Session:

<http://tinyurl.com/ffsatlantajam>

FF conventions begin with a Thursday night jam session where fans are encouraged to perform. Since FFS members really care about the Four Freshmen sound, songs from the Great American Songbook and both big band and small group jazz, that and the very informal format of this event make it a favorite of many. This year's lineup included the Greg McLean Quartet to back up the performers. They were Greg McLean (trumpet), Mark Tucker (piano), John Ivy (bass) and Bill Norman (drums). Four Freshmen alumni Ray Brown again was the evening's host. Follow the above link to open a FFS Web site page where you can click any tune/artist listed to hear it.

## Friday Dinner Show: <http://tinyurl.com/ffsatlantafr>

The best-selling Four Freshmen album of all time was "Four Freshmen and Five Trombones". That Friday night, for the first time anywhere, the Freshmen performed tunes from that original LP, with the rhythm section (and, of course, five trombones) of the Georgia Perimeter College GPC Jazz Ensemble. The band also performed four numbers alone and then welcomed the Four Freshmen to the stage and backed them for 11 more tunes.

Type the above link to hear each individual tune or scroll down the page to watch the 72-minute video from the session.

## Chick Trafford Memorial:

<http://tinyurl.com/ffsatlantafr>

Before the Friday night concert, outgoing FFS President Dick Baldwin and FFS Midwest Communications Director Wayne Corey spoke briefly about longtime Fresh News editor Chick Trafford, who died after a lengthy illness just before the convention. You can watch the video of the memorial by going to this web page.

## Saturday Dinner Show:

<http://tinyurl.com/ffsatlantasateve>

Saturday's concluding concert following the dinner was "all Freshmen all the time," performing self-contained in two sets. Click on the appropriate link on this page to hear any tune from both sets.

# The Four Freshmen Society

Mel Meyers, President

For this edition we've added some articles and pictures left over from the October edition as well some new stuff For example there's more about the "Blue Moon" convention, more about the 4F and Live Trombones CD status, responses and comments, articles from members, and even more color pictures.

MusicMart is now accepting orders for the new CD and more information on that is available on the website.

Search this edition for news about the 4F getting another award in February.

This article was written in October when several performances were sold out in Michigan and Ohio. Jack Morrison produced a sold out performance in Grand Rapids and in Detroit, the Freshmen opened at a new club and all 3 nights were sold out. In Ohio "Nighthtown" featured the 4F, great food and a full house with a very small stage. How small was it? The Guys had to take turns turning around!

Speaking of the Four Freshmen, I'd like each of the Guys to take turns adding an article starting with the April edition. How about it Guys?  
ReFRESHINGLY,

Mel Meyers; President.

**Bob Ferreira gets  
an earfull from  
Josie Cole.**



**Curtis and  
Autie Goodman  
joke around.**

