

How I Met The Four Freshmen

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My high school boyfriend introduced me to The Four Freshmen when I was a senior (1959) and he was a college freshman studying music at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. What romantic songs for "falling in love!"

I saw the group later (without that boyfriend) at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa along with the Stan Kenton Orchestra. Then I moved to Ames for college and didn't really keep up with them — life moved on.

It really wasn't until I saw them at the West Palm Beach Kravis Center for the Arts that my interest was renewed. We met Barbara and Charlie Dana, who were enthusiastic fans, and they encouraged us to support the group by selling CDs at select performances, starting in Fort Lauderdale. Greg and I decided to go to the Atlanta Convention in 2009. On the very last day of that convention, we shared a breakfast table with Marlene Lobsiger and Dave Blackwell, and we have been good friends since that time.

When Marlene and Dave produced the Fort Wayne Convention, we helped with little jobs at the venue and got to know many of the Fort Wayne fans, which we continue to look forward to seeing at subsequent conventions. What continues to amaze me at our conventions is the level of musical knowledge and performance experience of the people who attend.

Because our business is located in the neighboring town of Brentwood, Tennessee, we were able to support a couple of performances in the historic Franklin Theater and, in fact, were there the night they recorded *Live at the Franklin*.

Since I have been involved in publishing (for veterinary medicine), I wanted to support the group through print materials, and over the years I produced a membership card, three calendars with The Four Freshmen history identified on specific days, and playbills starting with Group 22.
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2022 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 6/8

8:00am – 6:00pm RegistrationGrand Foyer
9:00am – 4:00pm 113 ClubWheeler
10:00am – 2:00pm ... FF Music FoundationSalon A
2:30pm – 4:00pm WannabesDavidson
3:00pm – 5:00pm FF Society Board.....Salon B
7:00pm – 11:00pm ... Cash BarGrand Ballroom
7:00pm – 11:00pm ... Jam SessionGrand Ballroom

Thursday 6/9

8:00am – 6:00pm RegistrationGrand Foyer
8:30am – 3:30pm Tour #1 (Frankenmuth)Grand Foyer
9:15am – 2:15pm Tour #2 (Dow Gardens).....Grand Foyer
10:30am – 12:30pm . Tour #3 (Planetarium)Grand Foyer
9:00am – 4:00pm 113 ClubWheeler
2:30pm – 4:00pm WannabesDavidson
5:30pm – 6:30pm Meet and GreetGrand Foyer
5:30pm – 11:00pm ... Cash BarGrand Ballroom
6:30pm – 11:00pm ... Dinner and ConcertGrand Ballroom

Friday 6/10

9:00am – 4:00pm 113 ClubWheeler
9:00am – 10:00am.... State RepresentativesDavidson
10:00am – 11:00am.. General MeetingDavidson
1:00pm – 2:30pm FF MemoriesDavidson
2:30pm – 4:00pm WannabesDavidson
2:30pm – 4:00pm Convention Co-ordination
Boardroom
5:30pm – 6:30pm Meet and Greet
Grand Foyer
5:30pm – 11:00pm ... Cash Bar
Grand Ballroom
6:30pm – 11:00pm ... Dinner and Concert
Grand Ballroom
11:00pm – ??? Afterglow
Grand Foyer

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