

Freshmen Holiday Harmonies Heat Up the Twin Cities

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The thermometer outside may have read 10° with a sub zero wind chill, but the Frosh really set the temperature sizzling with their unique interpretations of well loved holiday standards.

After a swinging *Day In Day Out* opener, the boys delivered one holiday surprise after another. *Winter Wonderland*, *Let It Snow, It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas* and Bob's *Christmas Waltz* medley really got the capacity crowd into the holiday spirit. Each individual Freshman had their moment in the solo spotlight: Ryan doing *The Wonderful World of Christmas*, a song I wasn't familiar with, turns out it was originally recorded by Robert Goulet. Check out his version if you get the chance. Next up was Jake's take on *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, then Tommy with a swinging *I'll Be Home For Christmas* and finally Bob taking us *Home For the Holidays*. A *Charlie Brown Christmas* salute with *O Tannenbaum*, featuring an absolutely stunning flugelhorn solo by Jake, and a tender *Christmas Time Is Here* had all of us feeling a nostalgic holiday vibe.

Crooners is a first-rate venue with excellent food and was a perfect setting for this holiday themed show. It was very nice to catch up with long time Freshmen fan and former FFS president Don Follett who I haven't seen in over ten years.

Minneapolis is a world class city with a lively, vibrant downtown, a thriving music scene, great shopping and plenty of world class restaurants and clubs. I was very impressed on my first visit and I will definitely be back! In warmer weather!



Top and bottom photos:
The Four Freshmen harmonize on stage at the Crooners Nite Club on November 30.

Right: One native, one transplant and one imposter!



Left: You never know who will be sitting at your table.



Left:
The Four Freshmen singing with local singer, Jennifer Grimm, at the Crooners Nite Club.

