

NUMBER 1 AGAIN

THE FOUR FRESHMEN - NUMBER 1 AGAIN

JazzTimes Magazine's annual Readers' Poll has it right and said it all. Best Vocal Group. And the winner is - The Four Freshmen! February '08 issue.

In the midst of the rust to stay atop such national/international tabulations, The Four Freshmen have held steady for many years to remain in the race. Group #22 works hard to maintain the old, but also plows ahead with new arrangements, more jazz standards, fun tunes, plus introducing new titles with that Freshmen Sound. Congratulations #22! You honor the formula well!

Whether online or by paper ballot the FFS can make its voting call. The Society deserves a thanks for speaking up. Northeast Regional Director Don Boland likes to set the pace and get us in motion. And, he's good at it.

I like the flow at JazzTimes. Will they ride the Freshmen wave?

Dick Baldwin
FFS President

AND, if groups can't sing and play at the same time... Who to blame? Not our fault!

For The Best Jazz Support Group In The Land!!

Some confusion remains about getting the Four Freshmen into the best venues around America. Here's a capsule to move the procedure along, resulting in a possible booking in your area. The suggestion derives directly from our management team in Valencia, CA.

International Ventures Incorporated (IVI) is ready to cooperate with us. The primary connection should be between a venue or performing/theatre site and IVI. Make your local contact with a potential venue and promote the current Freshmen to the degree you are comfortable with. Advise the venue rep or officer to contact IVI directly (661-259-4500). Here's the inside - let the pros work with the pros. IVI will talk talent fee, travel, lodging, and other particulars with the potential contractor.

The advise is not to get involved in any of those details. Chances are you'll be wrong or misleading. No two "gigs" are ever the same. Often dates are connected geographically - sensible.

The FFS is fortunate to be involved with a major, established professional agency, adept at mixing detail with good business.

Four Freshmen #22 are in capable, professional leadership. Let's assist management. The method makes the way! Private parties are private and require special handling with IVI.

It's best for all of the Society to call, but cooperate.

Dina Sheets-Roth

FFS Membership Dues Increase Reminder

This is a reminder that effective February 1, 2008 the membership dues increased.

Renewal fees increased as shown below:

New member fees (single or couple) will increase from \$30 to \$32.

One year renewal (single or family) from \$20 to \$22.

Multiple years paid at the same time (single or family) from \$15 to \$17.

This increase, the first in more than ten years, is needed to permit the FFS to continue its financial support of the performing Freshmen and reflects increase in printing costs and postage for FreshNews.

The special "Join at a performance" new member dues will continue to be \$10 (single or couple).