

The Four Freshmen Excel on March 9

by Dave Mehl

The Four Freshmen excelled at a concert on March 9 in New Albany, Indiana. They entertained an extremely receptive audience of over 450, most of whom had not heard the guys before. The audience was truly impressed and were buzzing afterward.

Of the 20 or so times I have heard the guys live, I enjoyed them more than ever this time.

Everything clicked...the incredible and exacting vocal harmony and balance, the meticulous phrasing, the solos, the energy of the group and the fun!

Ryan's lead singing was extremely impressive—smooth, sure and accurate. He nailed it.

Tommy's guitar playing was sensitive, impeccable and an integral part of the overall effect. He is an unusually gifted musician.

Jake's mastery of the trumpet was displayed on his first solo on *Day In, Day Out* and throughout the evening. He blended his virtuosic and energetic jazz trumpet chops with several slower, beautiful, melodic interpretations. The impact was powerful.

Bob was Bob. Excellent presence, drummer, MC, and full of humor. The audience loved him!

The guys sang a variety of Freshmen oldies and a mixture of several of their newer tunes, 23 in all, ending with a beautiful encore of *What a Wonderful World*.

Diane and I took four others including two of our grandchildren, boys aged 21 and 16. Both are musicians. They were very impressed with the guys and really enjoyed the show. The younger said his favorite player was Bob because of his mastery of the drums.

All in all it was a wonderful concert. Although we will sorely miss our Conventions, we still can enjoy The Four Freshmen and each other in regional events.

Til We Meet Again.



The Four Freshmen...On the Road!

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2024

April 12

The Ritz Theatre, 30 S Washington St

Show time: 7:30p

Tickets: 419-448-8544

Tiffin, OH

April 26

TAC Jazz Festival - Hastings Performing Arts Center, 520 W South St

Show time: 7:30p

Tickets: TBA

Hastings, MI

July 16

Saville Theatre, 14th St & C Street

Show time: 7:30p

Tickets: 619-388-3301

San Diego, CA

October 11-12

Lynden Music Festival

Show times: TBA

Tickets: TBA

Lynden, WA



TOLEDO 2011 by Barb Meyers

The problem is we're getting older no one wants to run a convention anymore. When I had mine in Toledo I started two years ahead of time. Mel and I lived that for two years. We were 13 years younger. I will say though, we loved it. It was in 2011 and I didn't take the job of *Fresh News* editor until after that. The accolades we received were wonderful. Great hotel, great food and wonderful music. If I were 10 years younger, I would try it again. I'm sad because 30 years ago I thought this would never end.

Our first convention was the one that celebrated the 50th anniversary. When Mel and I walked out to the patio we encountered these two Mel snapped this photo and said, "Seeing these two tells me this is where I want to be."

