

(In Holland, continued)

The 3rd concert was in quite another scenery. The city was Eindhoven, which is the home city of the soccer team PSV Eindhoven and Philips Electronics. The Freshmen were playing at a ballroom at the very nice Dorint Hotel. The ballroom was very nicely decorated and our accommodation there was second to none. The evening program was in 3 parts. First, Rein did a section on solo piano, followed by two sets with the Freshmen, and finally a short section with the Dutch Frank Sinatra. His name is Pascal Maertens. Again, a standing ovation for our guys' performance. After The Freshmen had finished packing their gear there was a little extra duo concert. Rein at the piano and Curtis with his trumpet - 90 minutes of fantastic music. An afterglow with this love for music and energy in the air cannot be bought for money, you simply had to be there.



**"The Duo Session" Rein de Graaff on piano
and Curtis Calderon on trumpet**

Hopefully the Holland tour may provide some more European members. I had membership forms along and some even talked about going to the FFS Orlando convention. Yes, there are a lot of European Freshmen fans out there.

Some FFS members asked me which of the concerts was the best one. I cannot answer that. I experienced 3 very different concerts and sceneries. The first in a concert hall where The Freshmen were a part of a concert, the second in a little jazz club with beer, cigarettes and temperatures above cooking, and finally the more fashionable ballroom with the Freshmen in black tie. I would not have missed a single one of them.

I would like to thank the German team with the family Gorius, the Metzingers, the Voigts, the Hellers, the Grassmeyers, the Ottenroths and the von Harlessems. From England we met Eric Wilkinson and the Bishops, from Belgium Bert van Daele, from France Simon Lustigman and his girlfriend, from Norway the Stenstads, and the Danish FFS members were Mogens Smedegaard and the Bjoernos with their daughter Anne. It was very nice to finally see the faces of people I had only corresponded with by mail.

A big thank you to FFS member Rein de Graaff as the Freshmen connection and my travel companion, and also a big thank you to FFS member Henny Grote for making the Eindhoven concert possible.

And finally I would like to thank Brain, Curtis, Vince and Bob for their friendship throughout the tour. I hope they enjoyed Holland and Europe and I am sure that everybody wants to see you back here again soon. Many of us talked about how to do it, so guys, if you're up for it, let's see what we can do.

APRIL IN PARIS

by Vince Johnson

I was lucky enough to catch up with a FreshFan in Eindhoven, Netherlands, who had come to see us all the way from Paris, France. Simon Lustigman ended up rolling out the red carpet for me to come to Paris and spend two days enjoying the city and living it up! In only one day's time he set it up so that I could stay at an apartment that was at the same complex he lived at. How cool was that?

Simon is quite an amazing guy. He has played guitar professionally throughout his life for television and throughout Paris. His solo jazz guitar is awesome! Full, rich, jazz harmonies over the full range of the guitar and perfectly in tune! Eat candy. In addition to his jazz guitar Simon also owns an acoustic gypsy guitar that was previously owned by Django Reinhardt. I barely touched this thing and a huge tone came out.

So we sat and listened to lots of music and went on the town. His lady friend joined us on the first day as we ate crepes at a small cafe. We toured Paris and saw the Tour Eiffel, Montemarte, the Champs D'Elysee, the Arc de Triomphe, the Seine River and plenty of Napoleon's ancient hangouts. We drove around like Nascar race drivers do and stopped at a jazz club on the Champs D'Elysee where Count Basie and other jazz cats used to swing. Sweet.

The next day we had dinner at the finest Parisian gourmet shop. The best smoked salmon and mashed potatoes I have ever tasted.

On the train back to Holland I noticed that they had power outlets at 220 volts for each passenger. That's twice as much power than each outlet in my *home* in Las Vegas! So I could plug in all my goodies!!

But I think the best part about the whole trip was talking about music and the Freshmen with Simon. I think Simon's favorite part was when we called Ross Barbour on the phone in Los Angeles, CA. Thanks, Simon!