

SEE YOU AT THE 27th ANNUAL CONVENTION

One of the joys of membership in the Four Freshmen Society is the opportunity to reflect on the wonderful Four Freshmen music that has been enjoyed and the new friendships that have been made over the past 26 years at annual FFS conventions. Were you there? If not you may have missed a great chance to hear Freshmen Groups 12-22 and to meet fellow fans from around the world. However, there is good news! Registration is still open for the 27th annual convention to be held this year from October 2-4 in Tampa, Florida. We look forward to welcoming Group 23, renewing FFS friendships, and meeting new members of the Society. As expressed a few years ago by Past-President Dick Baldwin, "Enjoy your time in the best support group for any jazz vocalists anywhere. We're worldly and worth it." Amen to that! I hope to see you in Tampa.

Fresh Wishes,
Neil Lantz

Wayne's World: Treasures Unearthed

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"Sometimes it just doesn't fit whoever is in the group at the time. And Flanigan was never a big fan of modern pop music. That could have been a factor," says Garry Lee.

The vocal tracks were laid down two years before the CD was released. Pete McGuinness sings lead. Peter Davis has the second part, Dave Bentley is the third voice and Garry Lee has the fourth part in the harmonies, as he did when he sang with the Freshmen from 1988-1991. He says "Pete and Peter were the result of a search I had to do to find guys" who could sing the charts and fit the Freshmen sound.

Peter McGuinness is an East Coast educator, musician, singer and big band leader who sings the lead "beautifully," says Dave Bentley. He sounds like he was born to sing FF lead "in a lot of ways. He turned out to be a perfect fit," says Garry Lee Rosenberg.

Peter Davis is a music therapist and New York City musician "with wonderful 2nd tenor chops," says Dave. The vocals were recorded live with all four singers together in the studio. Garry Lee's trombone work is prominent on the CD. The other instrumentalists are professionals he's known for many years.

Unsung is available from the FFS Music Mart and from CD Baby (www.cdbaby.com/artist/thefauxfreshmen) for download. The CD sounds better than the download.

Dave Bentley and Garry Lee Rosenberg need no introduction to fans of either the Four Freshmen or the Faux Freshmen. New discoveries are rare when a group has been making music for 66 years. Undiscovered history, true musical history, is even more rare. Unsung gives us both new discoveries and truly undiscovered musical history. The arrangers of the songs on Unsung have given us a gift and Ken Albers and Ross Barbour have left us, as passionate fans of this historic group, the greatest gift in their "new" song. Every time I listen to Unsung I first say, "Wow!" And then I say a quiet, "Thanks" to Dave and Garry Lee for making it possible for us to hear it.

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