

Our President, **Neil Lantz**



Another Great Day with The Freshmen

As you might know,, the month of May was another big one for those of us who live, work, and play in the Indianapolis area. Following the usual weeks of preparation and practice by the auto racing teams at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the exciting days of time trials, and a huge festival parade through the downtown streets, the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 was celebrated by a record setting crowd of over 350,000 people in person and worldwide television coverage on May 29th.

However, the highlight of my month came just a week before the big race when the Freshmen appeared at the Warren Center for Performing Arts in Indy. What a great concert it was! If I may borrow a commonly heard compliment from the world of sport, the guys were “on top of their game!” Their presentation of the legendary Freshmen sound was heartily welcomed by a large and most appreciative audience; and their play list was a tasteful mix of the traditional Freshmen favorites along with several newer charts which demonstrated the arranging talents of the current guys.

A special treat was enjoyed when the Freshmen came to the front edge of the stage and presented several numbers without using amplification. Curtis and Bob commented several times about the outstanding acoustics of the Warren facility, and Group #24's selections demonstrated those qualities along with their ability to maintain and project the Freshmen sound without microphones. Sara Lou and I were seated at the very back of the concert hall to facilitate our quick access to the CD table at the intermission and at the conclusion of the concert, but the guy's presentation came through beautifully without any apparent strain or disharmony. Many of their acapella selections were tastefully arranged by Curtis, including *Stompin' At the Savoy*, *So Danco Samba*, *Girl From Ipanema*, and *A Little While*.

Not surprising, while at the CD table in the lobby, we heard countless raves about the concert. As usual, CD sales were brisk, inquiries about the Society and the 2016 FFS Convention were several, and Group #24 stayed to sign autographs until the last fan departed. Indeed, May 22 marked another great day for those of us who continue to enjoy and appreciate the sixth uninterrupted decade of that wonderful Four Freshmen sound. We look forward to seeing the guys again in Louisville in August at the 2016 Convention and hope you'll be there.

The Four Freshmen...On the Road!

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Please note: Dates subject to change without notice.

July 20-23, 2016

Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

The Dirty Dog Café, 97 Kercheval Ave.

Showtimes: 6:00p and 8:30p

Tickets: 313-882-5299

July 27, 2016

Newport Beach, CA

Sunset Jazz at Newport, Rose Garden, 900 Newport Center Dr.

Showtimes: 6:00p and 7:30p

Tickets: 949-659-5003

August 25-27, 2016

Louisville, KY

Four Freshmen Society Convention & Reunion

FFS Members Only!

September 7, 2016

Columbus, OH

Villa Milano Ballroom, 1630 Schrock Rd.

Lunch & Show: 12:30p

Tickets: 440-943-5480

September 8, 2016

North Royalton, OH

Carrie Cerino's Ballroom, 8922 Ridge Rd.

Show times: 12:00p, 1:30p, 6:30p and 8:00p

Tickets: 800-482-3531

September 9, 2016

Eastlake, OH

Croatian Lodge Ballroom, 34900 Lake Shore Blvd.

Show times: 12:00p, 1:30P, 6:30p and 8:00p

Tickets: 800-482-3531

September 10, 2016

Indianapolis, IN

The Jazz Kitchen, 5377 N. College Ave.

Show times: 6:30p and 8:30p

Tickets: 317-253-4900

September 11, 2016

Cincinnati, OH

Xavier University, Gallagher Student Center Theatre

3800 Victory Parkway

Show times: 3:00p

Tickets: 513-745-3161

September 17, 2016

Jefferson City, MO

Miller Performing Arts Center, 501 Madison St.

Show time: TBA

Tickets: 573-681-9371

September 24, 2016

Cheboygan, WI

The Opera House, 403 N. Huron St.

Show time: TBA

Tickets: 231-627-5841

November 5, 2016

Los Angeles, CA

Los Angeles Jazz Institute Jazz Party, 6101 West Century Blvd.

Show time: TBA

Tickets: 562-200-5477

November 12, 2016

Fort Meyers, FL

Shell Point Concert Series, 15101 Shell Point Blvd.

Show time: 7:30p

Tickets: 239-454-2067

November 16, 2016

Largo, FL

Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Dr.

Show time: 7:30p

Tickets: 727-587-6793

November 19, 2016

Hampton, VA

The American Theatre, 125 East Mellen St.

Show time: 8:00p

Tickets: 757-722-2787