

# Welcome All Members of the Four Freshmen Society



From Marlene and Dave, Co-Chairs of the 2023 Convention

We continue our excitement as we plan the 34th annual convention and celebrate the 75th Diamond Jubilee of The Four Freshmen.

It is of great importance that we as members support The Four Freshmen and their place in the music-making history of our country, the United States and around the world.

How many vocal jazz groups do you know who have continued music-making uninterrupted for 75 years? We know of none. Our hats are off to Bob Ferriera who for the past 31 years has kept the The Four Freshmen alive through their personal appearances, recordings and live streaming nationally on "Live From Emmet's Place." with the Emmet Cohen Trio.

We are proud to be hosting this celebration in Fort Wayne, Indiana. We hope that you will support The Four Freshmen and join us for what one might refer to as an "historical event."

## Why Fort Wayne?

- The site of Jack Eisner's 113 Club where the Freshmen made their first professional appearance in 1948.
- Located two hours north of Indianapolis and within one day's drive of half the nation's population.
- The Grand Wayne Convention Center and Hilton Hotel are connected with easy access and very little walking.
- Fort Wayne's International Airport is within 20 minutes of the hotel with free shuttle service.
- There are several local attractions within two blocks of the convention center i.e. Historical Embassy Theatre, Botanical Gardens, Parkview Field (Minor League Baseball), Beautiful Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception and Fort Wayne Art Museum.
- The second largest genealogy department in the United States and an extensive Lincoln collection in the the Allen County Public Library is located a short distance from the convention center.
- Jefferson Point, an exclusive shopping center with many restaurants, is just a 15-minute drive.



## The Landing

Check out **The Landing** downtown to experience the revitalization of the most historic street in Fort Wayne – where canal boats landed in the 1800s. The Landing was the hub for business in Fort Wayne, due to its proximity to the three rivers and the railroad. The first Fort Wayne post office opened here, along with the newspaper, theater, and eventual railway station. This historic spot has become an epicenter of revival in downtown Fort Wayne, with incredible dining options you won't want to miss. Whether you are looking for something sweet or savory, The Landing is the perfect spot to relax and refuel during your stay.