

A Blast in Bothell!

by Mark Schlichting

Bob Ferreira made a triumphant return to his home town of Bothell, WA on Saturday night, April 1st, and he brought his sidekicks with him! The Four Freshmen performed at the Northshore PAC, which is a beautiful theatre in Bob's "alma mater" complex of Bothell High School. The concert was sponsored by the Northshore Performing Arts Center Foundation.

The audience was peppered with relatives, classmates, former teachers, local vocal jazz students, Barbershop enthusiasts from up and down Puget Sound, and a busload of fans from Bellingham! The night was magical as the legendary quartet played their classic hits such as *Day In, Day Out*, *Someone Like You*, *Graduation Day*, *Guilty*, *Day by Day*, and of course *It's a Blue World*. The boys also featured tunes from their new CD; *From This Moment On, All the Things You Are*, and the sentimental song that always conjures tears from every loving parent's eyes, *Waltz for Debby*.

Of special note, there were three people in attendance who went "way back" with the group; Ross Barbour's daughter, Kathy Feese, who set up a table to sing the praises of The Four Freshmen Foundation, Kirk Marcy, low voice in FF Group #12 (and Bob Ferreira's "Mentor") and Dave Keim, solo trombone with the Stan Kenton Band that toured with The Four Freshmen Groups #4 and #5 during the 1970s. (On the ride back north after the concert, the Bellingham bus was treated to a "PBS Special" on DVD that featured the Kenton Band, the Freshmen, and Dave Keim on several trombone solos!)

Board member, Mark Schlichting, was also in attendance with his teacher/composer son, Austin, and wife, Janelle, to enjoy the fabulous musical sound that they have cherished through the years, and to distribute information on The Four Freshmen Society. Mark also spread the word on the Society's monumental September Convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where Four Freshmen Society members

The Four Freshmen...On the Road!

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Please note: Dates subject to change without notice.

Please be sure to keep up with the status of concerts at
fourfreshmensociety.com

2023

July 26-29

Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

The Dirty Dog Cafe, 97 Kercheval Ave

Show times: 6:30p and 9:00p Reservations: 313-882-5299

August 4

Chautauqua, NY

Chautauqua Institution Amphitheater, 31 Roberts Ave

Show time: 8:15p Tickets: 716-357-6250

September 15

Mission Viejo, CA

Saddleback College, McKinney Theatre, 28000 Marguerite Pkw

Show times: 7:30p Tickets: tba

September 21-23

Fort Wayne, IN

Four Freshmen Society Convention

Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center

1020 S Calhoun St

FFS Members only; join [HERE!](#) Registration is open

December 2

Green Valley, AZ

Community Performing and Arts Center, 125 W Continental Rd

Show times: 3:00p and 7:00p Tickets: 520-399-1750

December 3

Gold Canyon, AZ

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, 6640 South Kings Ranch Rd

Show time: 7:00p Tickets: 480-493-6731

2024

March 1

Bonita Springs, FL

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, 9751 Bonita Beach Rd SE

Show times: TBA

Tickets: TBA

and fans will be returning to the "scene of the crime" where all of The Four Freshmen "Musical Magic" began 75 years ago!

The enthusiastic audience brought the guys back onstage for an encore, and then everyone packed the lobby for an "afterglow" that featured many autographs, conversations, handshakes, and tears.

Thank you for another "stellar musical flight," gentlemen!



Jake Baldwin and Dave Keim, former First Trombone of the Stan Kenton Band, "talking shop" after the Bothell show.



L-R: Tommy, Kathy Feese, Bob, Jake, Dave Keim, and Ryan after the show in Bothell, WA on April 1, 2023



Kirk Marcy, of Four Freshmen Group #12, with his protégé, Bob Ferreira, of Groups #18 to #27 (and still going strong!).