

The Lynden Music Festival Celebrates The Four Freshmen!

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ALL Four Freshmen Society Members, families, and friends are enthusiastically invited to attend a big FF Society Gathering on October 9-13, 2024 in Lynden, Washington. The event will be in conjunction with *The Lynden Music Festival's* 15th Anniversary and it will be similar to the Society's past Conventions, but it will be less expensive, and it will offer *à la carte* opportunities! LyndenMusicFestival.com will be continuously updating details of this 5-day event! There may not be any Wannabees or 113 Club, but there will be *The Four Freshmen*, a jam, and lots of fall fun in Washington!



How will we get to Lynden?

You can drive to Lynden or fly directly into BLI (Bellingham International Airport) from hubs such as Las Vegas, Oakland, Long Beach, Palm Springs, Phoenix/Mesa, Denver, and Seattle, then take a *LYFT* or cab to one of two main hotels in Lynden, a 30-minute ride. If the *Lynden Music Festival* knows your arrival time, they may send a shuttle to gather you! When you make reservations, let hotels know you are a FFS Member, and you will enjoy a discount on your lodging!

Where will we stay? The *Inn At Lynden* is the official hotel; the *Freshmen* will be staying there, and they will give Society Members a 20% discount if you ask. As they have less than 40 rooms available, a brand new hotel nearby, *The Cobblestone Hotel*, will be happy to accommodate additional Society Members with a 15% discount. Their website is: staycobblestone.com/wa/lynden. The *Holiday Inn* at the BLI is also a possibility; it is a 5-minute walk across the Bellingham Airport parking lot where you could stay any number of nights from October 8-14 for only \$129 per night! Their number is (360) 746-6844.
Do you have a camper or RV? You might consider driving it to Lynden and hooking into a space at the Lynden Fairgrounds for only \$30 per night! You will be near the WECU Center for the Thursday "Dance Night," and the *Four Freshmen* concerts on Friday and Saturday! Make reservations for your RV space at: lyndenmusicfestival@gmail.com or call (909) 936-1057.



What will we do while we are in Lynden? In addition to attending any or all of the musical offerings during your visit, you can stroll the charming Front Street of Lynden, snack at *Avenue Bread*, the *Dutch Bakery*, or the *Eucatastrophe Coffee Shop*, dine at restaurants featuring Mexican, Greek, Italian, and Asian cuisine, visit the *Lynden Heritage Museum* (one of the best in the state), pop up to see the historic *Peace Arch* in Blaine, journey over to Mt. Baker, head down to Bellingham for a whale watching cruise through the San Juan Islands, or play a round of golf at one of the many nearby courses. If you bring your passport, you can even slip across the border into Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, or take the beautiful Tsawwassen Ferry to the historic city of Victoria, B.C. on Vancouver Island! New adventures lurk everywhere during your visit!

The Four Freshmen will hold a student workshop on Thursday, October 10, and will then perform two uniquely different concerts, one on Friday with a local big band, *The Swing Connection*, and one on Saturday, with a buffet dinner preceding the concert! Again, there is a Society jam session Friday afternoon at the *Jansen Arts Center*, so bring your axe!

There is NO registration fee for this Gathering, but please go to the *Four Freshmen Society* website and click the *FFS Gatherings* tab to let Chaz know when you're arriving and where you will be staying. A member of the *Lynden Music Festival Committee* will greet you with a FREE Goody Bag full of visitor information, fun, and surprises when you arrive!



Here's an idea, especially if you have never visited the Fourth Corner of the USA before now! Tuesdays are notoriously light travel days, so, arrive on Tuesday, October 8 and stay until Tuesday October 15! Make it a *Full Fall Four Freshmen Fling* with family and friends! The East Coast does not hold a candle to the autumn beauty of the Pacific Northwest, with evergreens speckled among fall's yellow, orange and red leaves! **Experiencing the quaint community of Lynden to wallow in a week of music and natural beauty will be something you'll never forget!**