

# My 80th Birthday Convention

Moe in Canada

I was just a young lad of 20 living in Dublin, Ireland when I first heard the Four Freshmen on the A.F.N. radio station from Europe. I immediately fell in love with the Fresh Sound. I never dreamt I would be celebrating my 80th birthday in Denver, Colorado seeing and listening to Group 25 of the Fabulous Four. I was literally a mile high. Mary and I were delighted to meet old friends and make new ones in Denver.

Full marks to the wonderful committee for putting on this event and arranging the perfect tour of Denver and Red Rocks. The Thursday night jam session was one of the best ever, and both Freshmen concerts were most enjoyable.

It was a joy to hear the young talented Fresh Four performance. Looking forward to Bay City in 2020.



# WHAT IS IT About the Freshmen?

Trudy Feigum, Virginia State FFS Representative

It can be summed up in one word: Smiles! Yes, there are smiles given on stage, particularly by Tommy and Bob. But, it's mostly about the smiles the Four Freshmen produce from their audiences when they sing the wonderful, memorable harmonies that only they have developed from the Great American Songbook.

Watching the audience from my vantage point during a performance, June 30, at Heathsville, VA, it was easy to see the pleasure the Freshmen were providing with each song they performed. There were poignant moments when songs evoked special memories and audience members issued audible "ahs". At intermission while selling CDs there was further confirmation. Audience members gushed with joy about hearing these "old" songs, being transported to when they first heard the Freshmen, and which Freshmen groups they had heard sing what songs over the years. Nostalgia. Does it ever get tiresome?

This concert—to the largest audience of all concerts held this entire season by this concert series



in Virginia—was to have been last October. Due to Hurricane Michael and a resulting regional power outage, the concert had to be rescheduled. The result was a fired-up audience in June and an equally exciting and enthusiastic performance by the Four Freshmen. And, definitely many, many happy smiles!

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