

# The Four Freshmen Headline A Sensational Music Festival!

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Lynden, Washington, USA, with a population of only 16,797, is the home of the largest Dutch settlement in the State of Washington, and it is the heart of the region's dairy and berry producing farmland. More importantly, it is a town that largely leaves its doors unlocked 24/7, greets visitors with open arms, and loves to celebrate life's simpler things.

**And when The Four Freshmen arrived, WOW did the town of Lynden CELEBRATE!**

Freshman Bob Ferreira said on more than one occasion during his visit that he felt like he was a cast member in a "Hallmark Christmas Movie!" Everything was so traditional, simple, functional, and beautiful! **What a community!**

## Wednesday:

The boys flew into Seattle on Wednesday, October 9, and as they drove north to Lynden, the 12:00 noon **Opening Ceremonies** were taking place at the **Jansen Arts Center** on Front Street in Lynden. The **Dmitri Matheny Quintet** from Seattle was performing as was **Folkert-Hans Tolsma** from Holland, and **Sherman Andrus**, a member of the legendary, Grammy winning vocal group, **The Imperials**. **Terhi Broersma**, Co-Chair of the event, tickled the keys of her accordion and Mayor **Scott Korthuis** greeted the many music enthusiasts who flooded the hall beyond capacity.



After arriving at their new digs at **The Inn at Lynden**, our boys refreshed themselves, and then went up the street to the **Steakhouse 9** to enjoy a gourmet meal before venturing into the adjoining Reception Hall to lend an ear to the Opening Night music which featured Dmitri's Quintet with music of **Henry Mancini** on the **100<sup>th</sup>** year of his birth.

At intermission, Jake, Tommy, and Bob entered the hall, dressed in black from head to toe, and bigger than life! Their adoring fans enthusiastically applauded, and many photos, hugs, and handshakes ensued. **A great opening night!**



Tommy and Society Chairman Gil Peterson pause for a snapshot during the opening night festivities



Here's Bob, getting up close and personal with a quartet of Lovely Lynden Ladies from the Festival Committee!



Jake and Society Historian Chris Rank hob-nob at the opening night celebration.