

Four Freshmen at The Crooners Super Club

by Don Follett, Roseville, MN

Making a habit of playing at the Crooners Super Club in the Twin Cities, The Four Freshmen ended their Sept. 22 gig to a standing ovation, and promised to return for a holiday show November 30th.

Downbeat magazine has named Crooners as “one of the world’s top jazz venues.” The magazine story said: “A top jazz venue, globally, where great improvised music is being played—from exciting new venues to legendary clubs large and small.” The Freshmen have already played the young club four times.

Your favorite group again played in the Club’s Belvedere Room, in fact a huge tent spread over a large floor, just for summer seasonal seating. The Club has several other rooms for different shows. For Twin Cities’ resident Freshmen Ryan Howe and Tommy Boynton, Crooners is just down the road.

September’s 90-minute set had something new and something old to thrill the approximately 200 Freshmen fans, who again applauded mostly for the songs that established the quartet: *The Day Isn’t Long Enough, Day by Day*, and *Poinciana*. This night the group opened with *From This Moment On*, featuring Jake Baldwin’s trumpet work, and then to a mood-changing *All the Things You Are*.

The group took *Route 66* to end the show, and an extended standing ovation; encore— *What a Wonderful World*, not unlike the song list at their 75th Anniversary concerts.

As he has done before, Bob Ferreria, now with 32 years with the group, dedicated *It’s A Blue World* to the original Four Freshmen and to the foursome’s 76 years of their providing beautiful music. It’s amazing how the group’s key songs have been sustained and are loved by their audiences. Of course, other singers have sung these songs—but not nearly as well.



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November 30, 2024

Minneapolis, MN

Crooners Super Club, 6161 Highway 65 NE

Show time: 5:30pm

Tickets: 763-760-0062

January 13, 2025

Morton, IL

Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center, 350 North Illinois Ave.

Show time: 7:00pm

Tickets: TBA

February 23, 2025

Sarasota, FL

Glenridge on Palmer Ranch Performing Arts Center, 733 Scotland Way

Show time: 2:00pm

Info: 941-552-5325