

# CELEBRATING The Four Freshmen

By Co-chairmen Linda Harrison and Mark Schlichting

It has been a long time (at least it seems like it) since we were all together as fans in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mark Schlichting and I shared with each other that we miss this kind of major gathering, so we decided to develop a special event for 2026. You may remember Mark as the jazz violinist in Jam Sessions who brought The Four Freshmen to headline in the long-standing Lynden Music Festival in Washington last year. He has been active in the Society since 2016, and Linda has been around since the Atlanta Convention in 2009.

The event that has resulted from our brainstorming is "*Celebrating The Four Freshmen.*" It is NOT a convention — just a two-day experience of enjoying the guys and their music. It is even more than just a reunion. We want to open it up to people outside our core group of FFS members and get new young music enthusiasts to appreciate their sound.

What better place to remind the music world of the unique and exciting harmony of The Four Freshmen than in the Music City itself, Nashville, Tennessee?

So, we will meet at the Hilton BNA Nashville Terminal Airport Hotel. This should be an adventure all its own. For one thing, this hotel sits on the airport property, so travelers just fly into Nashville (BNA), walk to the hotel, enjoy the time there and walk back to their terminal to fly home. I would expect the airlines to provide a wheelchair if requested. If the attendees are energetic and want to go downtown, of course there is transportation for that.

The Hilton BNA is a 4-Diamond AAA hotel property. Because they are happy to have us during the cool weekend of March 6-7, 2026, they were able to offer us special reduced group room rates.

The projected temperatures are 58-60 degrees — not bad for early March! Just bring a jacket because the cocktail hour each night is set to be on the rooftop BNA Sky Pavilion where you can see the Nashville skyline and watch planes take off and land.

When there is no specific activity going on, we will have a Gathering Room where attendees can hang out and renew friendships.

## *Suggested Schedule of Events*

### **Friday, March 6, 2026**

- 12:00 noon: The Celebration opens with an exceptional Buffet Lunch. Welcome and possible short program - introduce Chris Peters, our newest Freshman
- 2:00 – 4:00 Fresh Talk
- Dinner on your own
- 6:30 – 7:30 : Cash bar
- 7:30 – 9:00: Four Freshmen performance

### **Saturday, March 7, 2026**

- Morning: Breakfast on your own
- Hang out in the Gathering Room
- 12:00 Noon: Another exceptional Buffet Lunch
- 2:00 – 4:00: Jam Session and Singalong
- Dinner on your own
- 6:30 – 7:30: Cash bar
- 7:30 – 9:00: Four Freshmen performance

We would appreciate enthusiastic support from the members of the Board of the Four Freshmen Society and would encourage their offspring and friends to attend. We are not expecting any financial support from the Society and are anticipating that this Celebration will pay for itself. We intend to promote Four Freshmen Society memberships to all non-members who attend. Even though this Celebration is not a fund-raiser, any profits will go to the Society.

*Stay tuned for more details!  
Hope to see you there!*

