



# Fresh News

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## A FRESH WIND BLEW IN NYC!

by Randy Mooney

*"New York, New York! What a Wonderful Town!"*

Freshfans were very frustrated in early January. The Fabulous Freshmen performed for a private party, sponsored by an organization that just couldn't fit any of us in! **Woe Were We!**

But wait....something happened that changed our frowns to smiles. Just one month later IVI booked the FF in a super jazz club in Manhattan - The JAZZ STANDARD - (downstairs @ the *Blue Smoker* restaurant) - one of the four great places established by Danny Meyers (one of the best and brightest people in NYC).

I personally found out about the Sat./Sun. schedule on an airplane, returning from Europe, and I made my reservations for both nights on my cell phone from 30,000 feet. The food was superb and the JAZZ STANDARD staff was most accommodating.

Then....(drum roll please)....four FRESHMEN took the stand....at first the full house hushed....no tinkling of glasses nor raucous laughter....a perceptible holding of breath from the audience. They were there to enjoy the best vocal/instrumental quartet in the WORLD!

My emotions were like they were 50 years ago. It was great to feel like I was 25 again! I can only report what I saw and heard. And Freshmen fans just simply must rejoice.

Impeccable harmonies, exciting rhythm, fantastic instrumental prowess from all four guys....I was in musical heaven. And, although I saw a few gray beards like mine sprinkled through the audience, I was really fascinated by the majority of young, young people enjoying the show as much as I did!

The second and third shows, Saturday, and both shows on Sunday just reinforced my first impression....I can't wait to go to Vegas. Look me up and we'll share a toddy (or two).

Oh - I can't forget! My friend, Dave Bentley, told me that **Lew Anderson** and his band would be at **Birdland** on Friday night, so I caught two shows (hoping the Frosh would make it too!). I love the album "Voices In Standards" they did together a few years ago, but alas, my favorite quartet didn't make it!

**Note:** Danny Meyers also established *The Union Square Cafe*, *Tabia* and the *Gramercy Park Tavern*. If you are in NYC give yourself a treat!

Lew Anderson's Band @ Birdland (1/31/03)



A Few FFS State Reps & Members at Jazz Standard (2/1/03)



Chick - Lorraine - Cheley Miller - Pat Tollifson - Dave Barnes - Fred Williamson, Rod's Date, Rod Dayton, Ronnie Williamson Sue (barely)

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