

The Faux Freshmen - The Norwegian answer

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As all FFS members know, Four Freshmen have many friends in Norway. Earlier this year Kristian Lindeman's group Fire Fyrer (Four Fellows) appeared on stage live just outside Oslo with Sandvika Big Band, one of the best big bands in Norway. A crowded house could enjoy some eight arrangements from the FF song book, including *Route 66*, *In This Whole Wide World*, *There'll Never Be Another You*, *Blue World*, *Somebody Loves Me* and *Polka Dots and Moonbeams*.

Those of you who were present in Las Vegas in '98 will remember Kristian Lindeman's *Ode to Four Freshmen*, the score of which you will find on the FFs web site. Kristian was so inspired when he came back from Las Vegas that he initiated a FF vocal group. The group has already appeared three times on Norwegian television, latest last Christmas, where they performed Rod Henley's score on *The Christmas Song*, perfectly balanced with the FF arrangement that we know from *Freshmas*.

Two of the other members in Fire Fyrer were also present in Las Vegas: Trombone player and lead vocalist Dag Eriksen and band-leader/arranger/bass player Terje Fjaern. The fourth guy is Johan Bergli, a brilliant alto saxophone player. All three are professional musicians, spending their free time on their big passion, jazz vocal harmony in the Four Freshmen standard.

I will try to urge these guys to make recordings, so their brilliant performance can be shared with a broader audience. I will do my best! In the meantime you can enjoy pictures from the live performance. Fresh regards!



Kristian and Sverre after the show



Terje Fjaern



Johan Bergli



Dag Eriksen