

2016 FFS Convention Schedule

Louisville, Kentucky

as of 11/14/2015

Thursday, August 25

- 8:00am-4:00pm Registration
- 9:00am-4:00pm 113 Club
- 2:30pm-4:00pm Wannabees
- 3:00pm-4:30pm FFS Board of Directors Meeting
- 5:00pm-6:30pm FF Music Foundation Reception
- 7:00pm-10:30pm .. Jam Session

Friday, August 26

- 7:30am-noon Churchill Downs Tour with breakfast
- 9:00am-4:00pm Registration
- 9:00am-4:00pm 113 Club
- 11:30am-2:00pm .. *Belle of Louisville* River Cruise with lunch
- 2:00pm-4:00pm Hatitude
- 2:30pm-4:00pm Wannabees
- 5:30pm-6:30pm Meet and Greet
- 6:30pm-11:00pm .. Dinner and Concert Afterglow Photo Ops

Saturday, August 27

- 9:00am-noon Registration
- 9:00am-4:00pm 113 Club
- 9:00am-10:00am .. State Reps Meeting
- 10:00am-11:00am General Meeting
- 1:00pm-2:15pm Fresh Memories
- 2:30pm-4:00pm Wannabees
- 5:30pm-6:30pm Meet and Greet
- 6:30pm-11:00pm .. Dinner and Concert

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Goodman's career with The Four Freshmen took him all around the world, including stops in about 20 different countries and every state in the union.

He got to meet many musical icons such as Sammy Davis Jr., Vic Damon and Nat King Cole, whom Goodman described as "the greatest singer that ever lived," calling him his "idol".

Goodman also worked in popular jazz singer Billy Eckstine's big band for a time.

Perry, his wife of 63 years, is still very smitten with Autie and, of course, a longtime loyal fan.

She said no one can play the alto sax as good as him and he is the greatest vocalist.

"He phrases when he sings, he doesn't blah, blah, blah, you know, the lyrics," she said. "He gives you the whole thing as if he's written a poem or a love song." She refers to him as the "greatest love song singer" who still gives her the chills and has a beautiful voice.

They met in Oregon in a club where Autie was singing.

"And what a voice he had and beautiful blue eyes, adorable," Perry Goodman said.

Autie Goodman said that Perry is musically inclined even though she has never performed.

"We sing and laugh a lot," Perry Goodman said.

"Terry and I both have that disease, if somebody says a phrase that's in a song, we immediately sing it," she said.

"We've always got some musical thing going," Autie Goodman said.

His favorite song was one written by Ken Albers, "It Could Happen to You." It was the greatest arrangement that Goodman said he ever sang.

Other hits performed by The Four Freshmen over their six-decade history include *Graduation Day*, *It's a Blue World* and *Day by Day* and the list just goes on.

Over the years the names and faces of the group have changed multiple times from when two brothers, Ross and Don Barbour, both deceased, started a barbershop-type quartet with a different name while college freshmen in Indianapolis.

Ross Barbour, the last of the original Four Freshmen was 82 when he died in 2011. Referring to a 1986 photo cover of The Four Freshmen on the Las Vegas magazine *What's On*, Goodman remarked that it was the best, most talented group they had.

He and Flanigan left the group in 1993 when Flanigan retired since Goodman didn't want to work without him. Flanigan, who managed the group and owned the name rights, died in 2011 at the age of 84.

A new group of performers still tour under the The Four Freshmen name.

"They're good kids, they're really good guys," said Goodman, adding that for him true The Four Freshman ended with the departure of Flanigan.



The Four Freshmen on the cover of *What's On Las Vegas* magazine in 1986. Autie Goodman is center front, with original member Bob Flanigan center top. Other members are Rod Henley, left, and Mike Beisner, right.