

**Dateline April 5, 2005**  
**FOUR FRESHMEN Concert to aid**  
**Salem music programs**  
by Larry Shields, Salem News staff writer

The Four Freshmen will appear at the Salem High School (OH) auditorium on April 5. The concert is a benefit for Salem School music programs and the summer Music in the Park programs.

The Four Freshmen are celebrating 57 years since forming in 1948 and two original members, Ross Barbour and Bob Flanigan, are still involved with the group which has survived through 22 variations.

The Four Freshmen perform with the same unmistakable sound of the original group, according to the group's website. Chart topping songs include "Graduation Day," "I Remember You," "How Can I Tell Her," "Route 66" and "There Will Never Be Another You."

The new group preserves the Freshmen sound and, according to promotional literature, "they enhance it with their youth, vitality and talent, giving a new treatment to the great American songbook."

The Jazz Times Reader poll named them best vocal group of 2003, while Downbeat Magazine listed them as the best vocal group for 2000 and 2001.

The Four Freshmen include Brian Eichenberger who sings the lead while playing bass, guitar and piano. Curtis Calderon is, according to The Four Freshmen website, the "Freshest Freshmen," having recently joined the group. He is a San Antonio, Texas, native who began his jazz career in earnest playing trumpet at the age of eleven. Vince Johnson joined the group in 1999 and is an accomplished singer, sings third part harmony as well as playing bass, guitar and trombone. Vince has worked as an accompanist, educator and performer, which included performing throughout the world for Princess Cruises. Bob Ferreira began singing the fourth part harmony and playing the drums for the Freshmen in 1992. He is from Seattle, Washington, and his introduction to Freshmen harmony began when he studied with former Freshmen Kirk Marcy. Later, while training for classical voice, Marcy recommended Ferreira for an audition with the Freshmen.

Showtime will be 7:30 p.m. and tickets at \$25 each will be available from:

Friends Roastery	or	Salem Giant Eagle
474 E. State St.		2401 E. State St.
Salem OH 44460		SALEM OH 44460
Phone: 330-337-6962		Phone: 330337-6328

Tickets can be ordered by mail with the check made out to: Four Freshmen Concert and mailed to:

Jack Yarnell, 1972 Fairview Ct., Salem OH 44460.  
Phone: 330-332-2554

## How To Get There!

The Salem OH High School is east off Route 9 (North Lincoln Ave.) on East 6th Street, or off Union Avenue, just a short distance westbound.

## NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT Tom Purvis

Well folks, as the old saying goes, I have some good news and some bad news. First, the good news. We have obtained a very good quality DVD video recording of the Four Freshmen performances at the 2004 Grand Rapids, Michigan, convention. This 80-minute recording includes edited portions of the Friday and Saturday shows and includes only the Freshmen. FFS member Dan de la Torre did the recording and editing and generously has made this available to our Music Mart. You may recall that Dan has also provided the very excellent photos which are included on the package of the most recent Four Freshmen recordings. This should be available very soon, so give Bob Lininger a call and reserve your copy.

Now the bad news....it is beginning to appear that the 2005 Amsterdam Convention may be the last of our annual celebrations! At this time, we do not have a single indication of interest from a member group in submitting a proposal for a 2006 convention, or beyond. Our annual events are totally organized and produced by volunteer member groups. The work involved is considerable, but rewarding, and the preparation and planning can take a year or more to accomplish. We can provide guidance and some support but the work must be accomplished locally. Proposals are reviewed and approved by our Board of Directors and budgets established to insure the results that we have enjoyed in the past. I recognize that we are getting older and such efforts can be intimidating, but without volunteer support these events simply will not be able to continue. Think it over, want to know more, please give me a call and we can discuss.

And, just to cheer you up....we have been working with four music programming consultants and as a result I am pleased to report that the **IN Session** recording is getting good radio exposure, is featured on the Singers and Standards channel of music Choice on digital tv and is getting some play in Europe too.