

You Are Invited To Join The Covenant Four Quartet In Concert



Anticipate a lively concert featuring traditional hymns, gospel songs, contemporary and sacred classics presented in a style that blends barbershop and gospel. The Quartet ministers to churches, retreats, and conferences throughout the Western U.S.

The group includes John Crew (founder), Fred Porter, Keith Sutton and Bud Willadsen. Winnie Crew accompanies on piano and arranges much of the music while Jack Martens plays string bass.

The Quartet's dynamic blend of songs and gospel message entertains and inspires. Share the "Good News" invite your friends (for more information, go to www.covenant4.com).

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The Covenant Four Quartet

The Covenant Four Quartet has been ministering in West Coast churches and Christian conference centers since 1963. It began its ministry with members of the San Francisco Covenant Church but the current members are from a variety of church homes.

John Crew and his wife **Winnie** provided the impetus that created the Quartet in and with God's help, are still holding it together. John has been the bass (the foundation) for the Quartet and Winnie is the Quartet's accompanist. She also does most of the Quartet's arrangements and schedules appearances. John is a highly respected vascular surgeon in San Francisco where he pioneered an alternative technique for the treatment of blocked arteries and has been instrumental in developing new surgical equipment.

Fred Porter, who sang 2nd Tenor for the Covenant Four for 23 years, is back as its Baritone as of June 2004. Fred spent a large part of his other life as a self-employed painting and decorating contractor. This experience prepared him for a position as a construction project manager for projects across the Western United States and more recently as an estimator and project manager for a commercial painting firm. Fred has sung in Christian groups since he was 17, and is really enjoying his second time around with the quartet. Fred and his wife of 42 years, Savonna, live in Castro Valley and are life-long residents of the East Bay. They have three sons and attend the Creekside Covenant Church.

Keith Sutton sings second tenor in the Quartet, replacing Fred when he "retired" in June 2000. Keith maintains the Quartet's website and uses his photographic skills to obtain the photos for the site and also as a part-time business. He is from Oregon where he was the Executive Director of an economic development corporation and built a horse farm from the ground up. He currently works for the East Bay Economic Development Alliance. Keith has used his strong dramatic tenor voice to lead a number of church music ministries as well as singing solos and in choirs. Keith and his wife Diane live in the hills near Hayward. Keith has three sons and he and Diane attend the Valley Christian Center church in Dublin.

Bud Willadsen is the new Covenant Four first tenor, replacing Elbert Enns who is retiring after singing first tenor with the Quartet a total of 28 years. Bud has been working with the Quartet since October 2006 and with his first full concert on January 20, 2007. Bud's excellent musicianship and Elbert's flexibility and continued availability has allowed a very smooth transition. Bud and his wife Meg have been very active in the Neighborhood Church of Castro Valley's musical productions (in concert with Fred and Keith for a number of years), and more recently they have been attending the Church in the Valley, in San Ramon. Meg home schools their two children, and Bud works in whole sale window shades and coverings. Bud has also been active in the Mt. Diablo Chorus. They live in San Ramon.