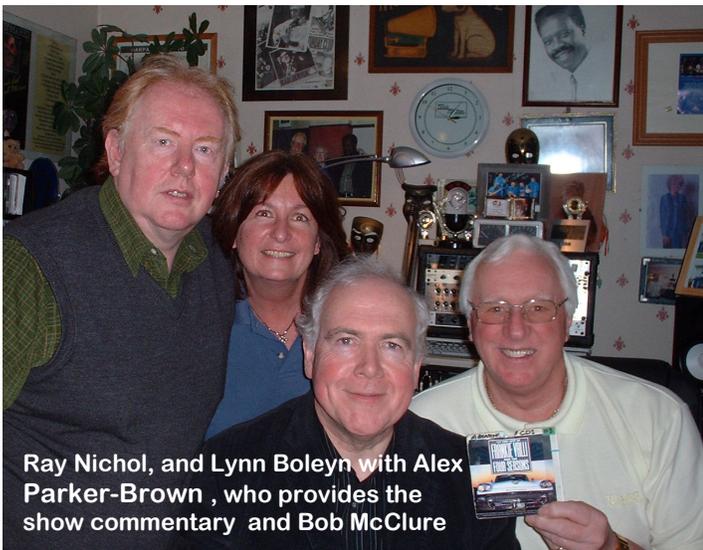


Lynn's Page

Meeting with Bob McClure The Story of Frankie Valli and The 4 Seasons : The Radio Show

Ray Nicol and myself recently met with Bob McClure, the former BBC radio Presenter and Producer and Radio Caroline DJ, who is putting together a 2 hour show for BBC Radio 2 about the history of Frankie Valli and the 4 Seasons which will coincide nicely with the news that The Jersey Boys will be hitting the West End in London next Spring.



Ray Nichol, and Lynn Boleyn with Alex Parker-Brown, who provides the show commentary and Bob McClure

We are obviously delighted to be able to offer our knowledge and assistance to Bob for what will undoubtedly be an outstanding and very professional programme. Ken Charmer had been helping Bob for the last few months but was finding it impossible to follow-up with the scripts as he lives in Spain, so we were able to help out. Bob starts his programme with a focus on the early years before Frankie and the Seasons found fame and then using interview material, telling stories behind the music which hit

the charts from 1962 to 1980 with snippets also from Frankie Valli, Bob Crewe and Bob Gaudio. Frank Ravello has provided lots of this interview material. We have introduced Bob to the not so well known songs such as 'Betrayed' (the b side of 'Toy Soldier') and 'Danger' which was played a little on the Northern Soul circuit and songs like these will also be included in the programme. Bob was particularly impressed by the live recordings of Frankie and the Seasons singing 'Remember When/Sunday Kind Of Love/Blue Moon' which takes you back to how they first started their careers by singing on the street corners of New Jersey. A particular favourite of Bob's is the live recording of

'Silence Is Golden' which proves just how good a performer Frankie is and I am sure these will find a spot in Bob's programme. One special moment Bob has captured is in a new interview with Chuck Jackson who recalls the times he worked with

the Four Seasons as his backing vocalists on a track whilst they were at Vee Jay called 'Another Day' written by Bob Gaudio. This was included in the first volume of our series 'Seasons' Connections. The story will also focus on the UK tours of the 70s, 80s and 90s.

Bob is speaking to Frankie about the show and will advise us of the track and script content for a show which will cover his whole career. It is a case of what to leave out! We will keep you informed as it develops.

The Jersey Boys – Prince Edward Theatre, London

Fantastic news that The Jersey Boys will be hitting the West End next year and it looks as if negotiations are now almost finalised. Due to problems over stage size at the Adelphi Theatre it now looks as if the show will go ahead at the Prince Edward Theatre in Soho, London commencing in late March 2008. The search is now on for a young actor and singer to play Frankie Valli – a tough task! If there are problems finding such an actor in the UK then the producers may well bring over John Lloyd Young who played Frankie Valli so superbly in New York. This might be the nearest that we get to a Frankie Valli/4 Seasons concert in the UK! Let's hope that Frankie can manage to make it over for the Opening Night!

Opening Night – The Jersey Boys – Come and Join Us!

We are hoping to arrange a block booking for members/former members of the UK Appreciation Society at the Opening Night of The Jersey Boys and a pre-show party/get together. In order to gauge numbers it would be appreciated if you could contact Lynn Boleyn to advise her whether you would be interested in attending. Lynn's contact details are below and most of you will remember that Lynn was the Chairman of the UK Frankie Valli & the 4 Seasons Appreciation Society before it became the UK Enthusiasts and Historical Group.

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