

FRANKIE VALLI:

A MAN FOR FOUR SEASONS

Although his first hit single, "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" made top 10 on the National Charts. Frankie Valli, high voiced lead singer of Philips Records' internationally famous Four Seasons, has no intentions of striking out on his own.

"I'm grateful and more than satisfied at being one fourth of the Four Seasons," said Valli in a telephone interview from his mother's home in New Jersey. "We (the Four Seasons) have always been one happy family and, God willing, that's the way it will stay."

Valli, recuperating from a severe cold, was overjoyed at hearing Musicarnival has been sold out for the 4 Seasons concert Sunday.

"Cleveland has always been one of our favorite places, because the city has been behind us right from the start," Valli said.

The start was 1962 their first of many. The classy quartet have sold more re-recording in the US

Valli, of course, mainstay of the of singing has all the 4 Seasons.



when the 4 Seasons got gold records, "Sherry." hasn't missed since and cords than any other group today.

has been and IS the vocal group. His unique style ways been the trademark of

"People like to ask if I am forcing or said. "All I know is that I have been singing like this for a long time and it's just my natural voice."

how I can sing so high, or straining my voice," he

Valli's "natural" voice just happens to be $3\frac{1}{2}$ octaves, which is more than twice the normal range of an average pop singer. By no stretch of the imagination is Frankie an average singer.

The versatile Valli has had hit songs as Frankie Valli, the 4 Seasons and as the Wonder Who?. No matter what the title, the Valli sound is unmistakable and the songs are always hits. "The 4 Seasons are a corporation," Valli said. "So, whether I sing as a solo or as part of the group, the 4 Seasons share in the profits."

It's no wonder the other three Seasons, Bob Gaudio, Tom DeVito and Joe Long are among Valli's biggest boosters. Here's what they say in the liner notes of Frankie's new "Solo" album for Philips:

Gaudio: "Frankie's vocals are Perfection, whether they're the lead sound with the group or solo performances."