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CHICAGO'S FINEST
ROCK**

Weekdays

Ten o'clock
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**WXRT
93.1**
INTRODUCES

*Saturday
Morning
Flashback*

Rich Gardner

WXRT Featured Artist Cards 1976-1988

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XRT Listener Poll**

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Jimi Hendrix; Jimmy Buffett
The UnConcert — Richie Havens
Peco; Koko Taylor

**BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
Live From Stockholm**

Sunday, July 3rd
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Includes 90 minutes of
uninterrupted live music from
the Tunnel of Love Express
European tour.

**MONTEREY POP
THE RADIO CONCERTS**

Saturday, July 2nd
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 3rd
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

First public release of digitally
remixed performances from 1967
Monterey International Pop Festival,
including Simon & Garfunkel,
Janis Joplin with Big Brother &
The Holding Company, The Who,
Jefferson Airplane, Grateful Dead,
Buffalo Springfield, Jimi Hendrix,
The Byrds, and many more!

Join us for the

WXRT & Old Style

4th of July Free Concert,

featuring Robert Cray,
Graham Parker and Timbuk 3,
Petrillo Band Shell — 3 p.m.
Grant Park.

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JUNE
June 1
June 8
June 15
June 22
June 29

**Saturday Morning
8 a.m. to 12 Noon**

LIVE FROM THE ARCHIVES VOL. 1

WXRT-FM

Featured Artist Card Collection

1976-1988

From the Rich Gardner Archives

poptoptunes, llc

www.poptoptunes.com

Collection of WXRT 93FM, Chicago's Finest Rock "Featured Artist" cards from 1976 to 1988

These cards highlighted various artists, concerts, and special events broadcasted by the radio station over the years.

1976-1977

- **Featured Artists:** The cards list numerous artists and bands featured on WXRT, including Dizzy Gillespie, Joni Mitchell, Thin Lizzy, King Crimson, Gordon Lightfoot, The Band, Traffic, Bob Seger, Stevie Wonder, The Who, Janis Joplin, Creedence Clearwater Revival, James Taylor, and many more.
- **Soundstage and Un Concerts:** Regular programming included the "Soundstage" and "Un Concert" series, featuring live performances and special broadcasts. Soundstage was rebroadcast on Sundays at 11 PM. Un Concert was sponsored by 7UP the 'Un' cola.
- **Ads:** We begin with an advertisement for TDK SA cassette tapes, emphasizing their superior sound quality for recording music (which I used frequently to tape weekly Rock Over London shows).

1978-1981

- **New Releases:** Wednesdays were dedicated to new music releases, keeping listeners updated with the latest tracks.
- **Special Events:** "John Lennon Special" and "Rampant Beatlemania," which celebrate the music and legacy of The Beatles.
- **Jazz Transfusion:** A dedicated jazz program aired on Sundays from 8-10 PM.
- **Listener Polls:** Annual listener polls were conducted to determine the year's top albums, concerts, and other favorites.

1982-1984

- **Expanded Programming:** The station continued to feature many artists, including The Police, Fleetwood Mac, David Bowie, The Rolling Stones, and many others.
- **Concert Specials:** Live concert broadcasts and special events, such as the "Ronnie Lane A.R.M.S. Concert" and "Rampant Beatlemania," were highlights.
- **Holiday Programming:** Special holiday-themed broadcasts and events, including Christmas and New Year's Eve specials, were staples.

1985-1987

- **New shows:** Like "Saturday Morning Flashback," which revisited music and memories from specific years, and "The Eric Clapton Interview," an exclusive BBC presentation, were introduced.
- **Concert Broadcasts:** Live concert broadcasts remained a key feature, with performances by artists like Bruce Springsteen, The Kinks, and Genesis.
- **Listener Engagement:** The station continued to engage listeners with annual polls, special events, and themed programming.

1988

- **Notable Concerts:** The year featured special concerts, including Robert Plant's benefit concert for Children's Hospital and the "WXRT & Old-Style 4th of July Free Concert" with Robert Cray, Graham Parker, and Timbuk 3.
- **Holiday Programming:** The station maintained its tradition of holiday programming, including "Holiday Magic at Brookfield Zoo" and the "5th Annual Holiday Extravaganza."
- **Year-End Specials:** The year concluded with the "15th Annual Listener Poll Results" and a "Year-End Flashback Special" summarizing the highlights of 1988.

Recurring Themes

- **Diverse Music Selection:** WXRT consistently featured various artists and genres, from rock and jazz to blues and new wave.
- **Live Concerts and Specials:** Live concert broadcasts and special events were a significant part of the station's programming, providing listeners with exclusive access to performances.
- **Listener Interaction:** Annual listener polls and special events encouraged audience participation and engagement.
- **Holiday and Themed Programming:** The station regularly featured holiday-themed broadcasts and special programming to celebrate various occasions.

Overall, WXRT 93FM's feature artist cards from 1976 to 1988 reflect the station's commitment to providing high-quality music programming, live concert broadcasts, and engaging special events for its listeners.

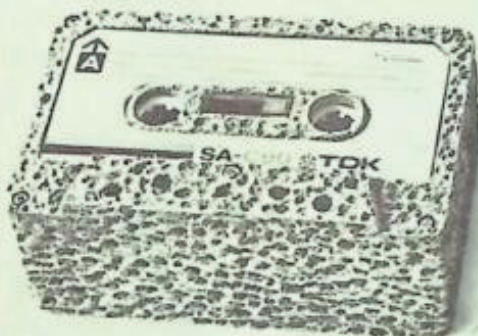
About Author

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THE SOUND SPONGE.



A cassette and a sponge have a lot in common. A sponge, of course, soaks up water. But a cassette tape soaks up sound. The more it absorbs, the higher the highs and lower the lows when the sound is squeezed out through your machine.

TDK SA (the SA stands for Super Avilyn) is probably the most absorbent cassette tape on the market. Tests by two leading hi-fi magazines prove it soaks up more music and plays it back clearer, cleaner, and crisper than just about any other tape.

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THAN MOST OTHER'S BEST



With either one, the result is beautiful sound up and down the spectrum.

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Wait till you hear what you've been missing.

WVRT
Chicago's Fine 93 FM Rock Station

FEATURED ARTISTS

December 1976

1. Soundstage: Dizzy Gillespie's Be Bop Reunion [8 pm]
2. Joni Mitchell; Al Kooper
3. Robin Trower; Heartsfield
4. Thin Lizzy; Luther Allison
5. The UnConcert — John Klemmer
6. King Crimson; Hot Tuna
7. Gordon Lightfoot; Lonnie Liston Smith
8. Soundstage: The Pointer Sisters [8 pm]
9. Wishbone Ash; Commander Cody
10. The Band; Patti Smith
11. Traffic; Bo Diddley
12. The UnConcert — John Lee Hooker
13. Bob Seger; Pete Seeger
14. Stevie Wonder; Love
15. Soundstage: Harry Chapin [8 pm]
16. The Who; Beethoven
17. Janis Joplin; Flatt & Scruggs
18. Creedence; Jimmy Cliff
19. The UnConcert — Don McLean
20. James Taylor; Lenny Bruce
21. Edgar Winter; Chuck Mangione
22. Soundstage: Three Dog Night [8 pm]
23. Yes; Mike Bloomfield
24. The Night Before Christmas
25. George Harrison; Dan Hicks
26. The UnConcert — Billy Cobham-George Duke Band
27. Laura Nyro; Cannonball Adderly
28. Foghat; Boz Scaggs
29. Soundstage: Martin Mull; Flo & Eddie [8 pm]
30. Jethro Tull; Leadbelly
31. Rock 'n Roll In the New Year

New Releases are featured on Wednesdays.
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All local UnConcerts are recorded on TDK tape.

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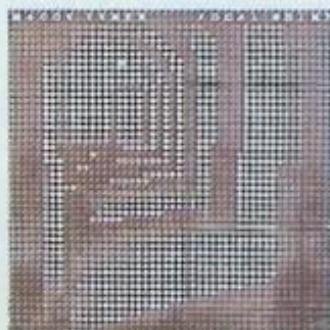
Jazz from Fantasy



STANLEY TURRENTINE The Man with the Sad Face

including the hit single
"You'll Never Find Another Love Like Mine"
SEE STANLEY TURRENTINE
January 26-30th at Ratso's
2464 N. Lincoln Ave.

Jazz from Milestone



McCOY TYNER Focal Point

Down Beat's Jazzman of the year!
SEE McCOY TYNER
January 28 & 29th at Amazingrace
845 Chicago Ave. in Evanston

Both of these L.P.'s are available
at all record stores heard on WXRT

1977

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WXRT Chicago's Fine 93 FM Rock Station

FEATURED ARTISTS

January 1977

- 1 Moody Blues; Hound Dog Taylor
- 2 The UnConcert — Tom Waits
- 3 Chick Corea; Donovan
- 4 Van Morrison; Monty Python
- 5 Soundstage: 1976 Down Beat Jazz Awards [8 pm]
- 6 Grateful Dead; Billy Preston
- 7 ZZ Top; Waylon Jennings
- 8 Stephen Stills; Rory Gallagher
- 9 The UnConcert — Asleep at the Wheel
- 10 Gary Wright; Ian Matthews
- 11 Linda Ronstadt; John Coltrane
- 12 New Releases
- 13 Soundstage: The World of John Hammond,
Part 1 [9 pm]
- 14 Sly Stone; Atlanta Rhythm Section
- 15 Led Zeppelin; Aliotta-Haynes-Jeremiah
- 16 The UnConcert — Gentle Giant
- 17 Procol Harum; Martin Mull
- 18 Bob Dylan; Herbie Hancock
- 19 New Releases
- 20 Soundstage: The World of John Hammond,
Part 2 [10:30 pm]
- 21 Allman Brothers; Leo Kottke
- 22 Paul McCartney; Taj Mahal
- 23 The UnConcert — McCoy Tyner
- 24 Steely Dan; Phil Ochs
- 25 Eric Burdon; Prokofiev
- 26 New Releases
- 27 Soundstage: Bee Gees [9 pm]
- 28 Queen; Flora Purim
- 29 Jimi Hendrix; Jimmy Buffett
- 30 The UnConcert — Richie Havens
- 31 Poco; Koko Taylor

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Soundstage is rebroadcast on Sundays at 11 pm

Short eyes



Miguel Pinero's **SHORT EYES**

Starring **Bruce Davison** and **Jose Peraza**
Also Starring **Nathan George, Don Blakey,**
Shawn Elliott, Miguel Pinero
and **Joseph Carberry**
Guest Stars **Curtis Mayfield** and **Freddie Fender**

Directed by
Robert M. Young
Screenplay by
Miguel Pinero
Music Scored
and Composed
by **Curtis Mayfield**

Produced by
Lewis Harris
Executive Producer
Marvin Stuart

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Starts **Friday, October 14th**
Cinema Theatre **Loop Theatre**
Chicago at Michigan State Near Randolph

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FEATURED ARTISTS

OCTOBER 1977

1. Jeff Beck; Jay Ferguson
2. The UnConcert — Pat Metheny
3. Neil Young; Keith Jarrett
4. Manfred Mann; Willie Dixon
5. New Releases
6. Steely Dan; Franz Liszt
7. Lou Reed; Blood Sweat & Tears
8. Allman Brothers; Phoebe Snow
9. The UnConcert — Son Seals
10. Van Morrison; Robert Welch
11. Robin Trower; Fred Neil
12. New Releases
13. Simon & Garfunkel; Gil Scott-Heron
14. The Who; Lily Tomlin
15. J. Geils; Buddy Holly
16. The UnConcert — Vassar Clements
17. Mountain; Chris Hillman
18. Heart; John Mayall
19. New Releases
20. Bob Dylan; Camel
21. Santana; David Bromberg
22. Steve Miller; Miles Davis
23. The UnConcert — Elvin Bishop
24. Loggins & Messina; National Lampoon
25. Pink Floyd; Tom Waits
26. New Releases
27. Buffalo Springfield; Nils Lofgren
28. Jimi Hendrix; Mose Allison
29. Rod Stewart; Patrick Moraz
30. The UnConcert — Four Years of UnConcerts:
A Retrospective [9-11 PM]
31. Trick or Treat [6-10 PM]

JAZZ TRANSFUSION
SUNDAYS 8 - 10 PM



1985 LISTENER POLL RESULTS

FINEST ALBUMS

1. Talking Heads—Little Creatures
2. Dire Straits—Brothers In Arms
3. R.E.M.—Fables Of The Reconstruction
4. Sting—The Dream Of The Blue Turtles
5. Tears For Fears—Songs From The Big Chair
6. John Cougar Mellencamp—Scarecrow
7. Bryan Ferry—Boys And Girls
8. John Fogerty—Centerfield
9. The Cure—The Head On The Door
10. Phil Collins—No Jacket Required
11. Eurythmics—Be Yourself Tonite
12. Sade—Diamond Life
13. Todd Rundgren—A Capella
14. Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers—Southern Accents
15. Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark—Crush
16. Pete Townshend—White City
- Thompson Twins—Here's To Future Days
18. Eric Clapton—Behind The Sun
19. Suzanne Vega
20. Alison Moyet—Alf
21. Kate Bush—Hounds Of Love
22. New Order—Low-life
23. The Smiths—Meat Is Murder
- Paul Young—The Secret Of Association
25. Bob Dylan—Empire Burlesque
26. Prince & The New Power Generation—Around The World In A Day
27. Joni Mitchell—Dog Eat Dog
- Simple Minds—Once Upon A Time
29. Shriekback—Oil And Gold
30. The Hooters—Nervous Nights

FINEST CONCERTS

1. Bruce Springsteen
2. Dire Straits
3. U2
4. Live Aid
5. R.E.M.

FINEST MOVIES

1. Back to the Future
2. Jagged Edge
3. Pee Wee's Big Adventure
4. Breakfast Club
5. To Live and Die in L.A.

FINEST TV SHOWS

1. The Cosby Show
2. Late Night with David Letterman
3. Miami Vice
4. St. Elsewhere
5. Cheers



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FEATURED ARTISTS

JANUARY, 1986

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 2 Grateful Dead
- 3 Cheap Trick; Nick Lowe
- 4 Joe Walsh; Temptations
- 5 Sunday Night Concert: Carl Perkins & Friends,
starring Eric Clapton, George Harrison,
Dave Edmunds and more — 8:55 pm
- 6 Supertramp; John Lee Hooker
- 7 Kenny Loggins; Eurythmics
- 8 Birthday Tribute: David Bowie, Elvis Presley
- 9 New Releases
- 10 Bruce Springsteen
- 11 Pete Townshend
- 12 Sunday Night Concert:
The Pretenders (1980)—8 pm
- 13 Police; Lovin' Spoonful
- 14 Fleetwood Mac
- 15 New Releases
- 16 Bob Dylan; Psychedelic Furs
- 17 Elvis Costello; James Taylor
- 18 Steve Miller; Tears for Fears
- 19 Sunday Night Concert: The Alarm (1985)—8 pm
- 20 Rod Stewart; Chick Corea
- 21 Billy Joel; John Prine
- 22 New Releases
- 23 Van Morrison; Spandau Ballet
- 24 Jimi Hendrix; John Belushi
- 25 Beach Boys
- 26 Sunday Night Concert:
Modern English (1984)—8 pm
- 27 Allman Bros. Band; Joan Armatrading
- 28 Dan Fogelberg; Marvin Gaye
- 29 New Releases
- 30 Jackson Browne; Mink DeVille
- 31 Phil Collins; Buddy Holly



Go Bears!

This book is a must-have for any music lover, WXRT enthusiast, or Chicagoan who cherishes the city's vibrant musical heritage.

Key Features:

Rare Archival Material: Uncover forgotten gems from WXRT's golden age through original "Featured Artist" cards.

Nostalgic Journey: Relive the sounds of the 70s and 80s with in-depth analysis of featured artists and musical trends.

Personal Touch: Discover the passion of a dedicated collector, and his lifelong love for WXRT.

Engaging Narratives: Immerse yourself in the memoirs behind the music, including concert experiences, DJ anecdotes, and Annual Listener Polls.

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