

## Chicago Music Survey 1984-1987: WLS & Z-95 Street Sheets from The Rich Gardner Archives Book Two

The **WLS Music Survey Vol 2, 1984-1987**, is the second of three in a series of books that offer full-size facsimiles of the surveys delivered to record stores and collected weekly by record buyers.

The WLS Music Surveys of the 1980s were more than mere lists of popular songs. They were tangible artifacts from a vibrant musical era, reflecting the power of radio, the influence of record sales, and the tastes of a generation. These surveys served as cultural touchpoints for Chicago music fans, providing a shared experience and a connection to the local music scene.

The WLS Music Surveys significantly influenced record sales in the Chicago area. Being featured on the survey could propel a song or album to greater popularity, while a high ranking could cement an artist's success. Record stores utilized the surveys to inform their inventory and displays, often highlighting featured albums prominently in their shops.

Receiving airplay on WLS and being featured in the survey marked a significant achievement for local artists. It exposed a large audience and could have significantly enhanced their careers. Additionally, the surveys played a crucial role in building a community among Chicago music fans. They offered a common reference point and a means to connect with the local music scene, promoting a sense of belonging and shared experience.

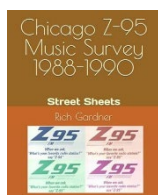
### About the author



Rich Gardner was born and raised on Chicago's South Side. His fascination with music began at a young age, fueled by radio broadcasts of the History of Rock & Roll in the mid-1970s and the legendary WLS Top 89 radio countdowns.

This ignited a passion for collecting WLS surveys and documenting the evolution of popular music. His commitment extended beyond just listening; he eagerly anticipated the weekly WLS record surveys and sought out records at various stores throughout Chicago. Initially, he converted the WLS survey data into typed index cards, Rolodex cards, handwritten notebooks, and computer databases, creating a personal archive of musical history.

When he's not working full-time or spending time with his family, Gardner can be found at his local record store or swap-meets, adding new chapters to his ever-growing collection.



### Next in the series:

Chicago Z-95 Music Survey 1988-1990: Street Sheets  
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**Jack of the Week**

**LARRY LUJACK**  
ON  
**THE ROCK OF CHICAGO™**  
5:30AM-10:00AM  
WLS AM/FM

**Thirty-threes**

2	1	Thriller	Michael Jackson
3	2	Can't Slow Down	Lionel Richie
4	3	Genesis	Genesis
5	4	01235	Yes
6	5	Cover By Numbers	Culture Club
7	6	Yentl	Soundtrack
8	7	Synchronicity	The Police
9	8	Animal Stories Vol. III	Uncle Lur' & U1 Tommy
10	9	Meatheads	Quiet Riot
11	10	What's New	Linda Ronstadt
12	11	Rock 'n Soul Part One	Hall & Oates
13	12	Undercover	The Rolling Stones
14	13	Elevator	ZZ Top
15	14	Seven And The Ragged Tiger	Duran Duran
16	15	Eyes That See In The Dark	Kenny Rogers
17	16	Pyromania	Daf Lippert
18	17	Greatest Hits	Air Supply
19	18	An Innocent Man	Billy Joel
20	19	Ukiah	John Cougar Mellencamp
21	20	Pieces Of Peace	Paul McCartney
22	21	Flashdance	Soundtrack
23	22	Back & The Moon	Dizzy Gillespie
24	23	Alma She Chied	The Doors
25	24	1989	Prince
26	25	Let's Dance	David Bowie
27	26	Speaking In Tongues	Talking Heads
28	27	Reach The Beach	The Firm
29	28	Principle Of Moments	Robert Plant
30	29	Lawyers In Love	Jackson Browne
31	30	Faster Than The Speed Of Light	Bonnie Tyler
32	31	Wild Heart	Stevie Nicks
33	32	Born Again	Black Sabbath
34	33	Alpha	Asia

**WLS plays selected music from these lists**

**Concerts in the Weeks Ahead**

Charlie Daniels Band - Holiday Star - January 20, 21  
Pablo Bryson & Roberta Flack - Holiday Star - February 10, 11

**Jack of the Week**

**TIM KELLY**  
ON  
**THE ROCK OF CHICAGO™**  
WEEKENDS  
WLS AM/FM

**Forty-fives** (Counted Down Every Sunday At 8PM with Jeff Davis WLS AM.)

LW	TW	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 1984	VOL. 24, NO. 12
1	1	The Carly Shuffle	Jump 'n The Saddle
2	2	Say Day Day	Paul McCartney & Michael Jackson
3	3	All Night Long (All Night)	Lionel Richie
4	4	Owner Of A Lonely Heart	Yes
5	5	Break My Stride	Matthew Wilder
6	6	Major Tom (Coming Home)	Peter Schilling
7	7	Islands Of The Stream	Duran Duran
8	8	Union Of The Sinks	Billy Pardon & Kenny Rogers
9	9	Uptown Girl	Billy Joel
10	10	Undercover Of The Night	The Rolling Stones
11	11	Say It Isn't So	Hall & Oates
12	12	Cum On Feel The Noise	Quiet Riot
13	13	Let The Music Play	Shannon

**Jack of the Week**

**JEFF DAVIS**  
ON  
**THE ROCK OF CHICAGO™**  
11:00PM - 2:00AM  
WLS AM89

**Forty-fives** (Counted Down Every Sunday At 8PM with Jeff Davis WLS AM.)

LW	TW	WEEK ENDING MAY 25, 1985	VOL. 25, NO. 31
1	1	We Are The World (5th Week No. 1)	USA For Africa
2	2	And F	Paul Collins
3	3	Don't You Forget About Me	Bruce Springsteen
4	4	Crazy For You	Soundtrack
5	5	Rhythm Of The Night	John Fogerty
6	6	One Night In Bangkok	John Fogerty
7	7	Everybody Wants To Rule The World	Sade
8	8	Smooth Operator	Madonna
9	9	Angel	The Firm
10	10	Obsession	The Power Station
11	11	Just A Gigolo I Ain't Got Nobody	Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers
12	12	New Attitude	Wham!
13	13	Nightshift	David Lee Roth
14	14	Everything She Wants	Tears For Fears
15	15	Fresh	Soundtrack
16	16	Some Like It Hot	Tina Turner
17	17	Don't Come Around Here No More	Private Dancer
18	18	Suddenly	Rickless
19	19	In My House	Bryan Adams
20	20	Rock And Roll Girls	Building The Perfect Beast
21	21	Things Can Only Get Better	Suddenly
22	22	All She Wants To Do Is Dance	Billy Ocean
23	23	Sassaparilla	Pointer Sisters
24	24	Say You're Wrong	Chicago
25	25	Smuggler's Blues	Agent Provocateur
26	26	Walking On Sunshine	Foreigner
27	27	I'm On Fire	U2
28	28	Than Was Yesterday	REO Speedwagon
29	29	Missing You	Lionel Richie
30	30	One More Night	Hall & Oates
31	31	Material Girl	Madonna
32	32	A View To A Kill	Madonna
33	33	Radioactive	Prince
34	34	Levitt	Hazy Lewis & The News
35	35	You Humans	The Time
36	36	The Search Is Over	Mick Jagger
37	37	Forever Man	New Edition
38	38	One Lonely Night	
39	39	Some Things Are Better Left Unsaid	
40	40	The Heat Is On	
41	41	Would I Lie To You?	
42	42	Carless Whisper	
43	43	Raspberry Rose	
44	44	Can't Fight This Feeling	
45	45	The Goonies 'R' Good Enough	
46	46	Tough All Over	
47	47	Show Some Respect	
48	48	Everyone You Go Away	
49	49	Centerfold	

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**Concerts in the Weeks Ahead**

Girlfriend - The Vic - May 19  
Madonna - U.I.C. Pavilion - May 20  
Triumph - Alpine Valley - May 25  
John Denver - Holiday Star - May 27, 28

