



WLS Music Survey Vol 4, 1976-1979

Chicagoland Hit Parade

from the Rich Gardner Archives

The **WLS Music Surveys Vol 4, 1976-1979**, is the fourth installment in a series of books providing full-size facsimiles of the surveys sent to record stores and collected by record buyers weekly. These WLS Musicradio Surveys feature Chicago's most popular songs and albums, upcoming concert events, and radio station details.

The WLS Music Survey from 1976 to 1979 experienced significant changes compared to the first three-quarters of the decade, highlighting shifts in popular genres, emerging artists, and evolving musical tastes. These trends illustrate the diverse and dynamic nature of the music scene in the late 1970s, with various genres and styles coexisting and influencing each other.

The WLS Musicradio Surveys of the 1970s were more than mere lists of popular songs; they were tangible artifacts of a vibrant musical era, reflecting the power of radio, the impact of record sales, and the preferences of a generation. They served as a cultural touchstone for Chicago music fans, providing a shared experience and a connection to the local music scene.

Looking back on the 1970s, the WLS Musicradio Surveys present a valuable view into the past. They remind us of the enduring influence of music and radio in shaping our cultural landscape, serving as a testament to WLS's lasting legacy and impact on the Chicago music scene.

About the author



Rich Gardner is a passionate music enthusiast who has been deeply connected to radio and music since the 1960s. His love for music began in childhood when he listened to WLS-AM 890 and WCFL, often accompanying his father in the family car. This early exposure sparked a lifelong hobby of collecting phonographs, records, music surveys, and memorabilia. Rich actively pursued his passion by collecting WLS Surveys from the 1970s through the 1980s, compiling his own lists from countdown shows, and placing ads in the Chicago Reader during the 1980s to locate older surveys. He went to great lengths to preserve and recreate missing surveys using modern technology, demonstrating his dedication to documenting and sharing the history of Chicago radio and music for others to enjoy.



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MUSICRADIO 89

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Jock of the Week

BRANT MILLER
PLAYS
THE BEST MUSIC
IN CHICAGO
1PM - 6PM SUNDAY

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Thirty-threes

1	1	Saturday Night Fever	Soundtrack
2	2	Rumours	Fleetwood Mac
3	3	News Of The World	Queen
4	4	Grand Illusion	Styx
5	5	Foot Loose And Fancy Free	Rod Stewart
7	6	Aja	Steely Dan
8	7	Point Of No Return	Kansas
6	8	Born Late	Shaun Cassidy
14	9	Slow Hand	Eric Clapton
12	10	Street Survivors	Lynyrd Skynyrd
10	11	Out Of The Blue	Electric Light Orchestra
11	12	Alive II	Kiss
9	13	Simple Dreams	Linda Ronstadt
xx	14	Double Live Gonzo	Ted Nugent
13	15	Stranger	Billy Joel
20	16	Running On Empty	Jackson Browne
17	17	French Kiss	Bob Welch
17	18	Foreigner	Foreigner
16	19	Shaun Cassidy	Shaun Cassidy
24	20	Little Criminals	Randy Newman
15	21	I'm Glad You're Here With Me Tonight	Neil Diamond
22	22	Greatest Hits Etc.	Paul Simon
28	23	Close Encounters Of The Third Kind	Soundtrack
27	24	All's All	Earth, Wind & Fire
25	25	Ten Hot To Handle	Heatwave
23	26	Leif Garrett	Leif Garrett
30	27	Live	Foghat
21	28	Live	Barry Manilow
29	29	Book Of Dreams	Steve Miller Band
26	30	Here You Come Again	Dolly Parton
32	31	Down Two Then Left	Box Car Scissors
18	32	Draw The Line	Aerosmith
33	33	Star Wars	Soundtrack

Forty-fives

LW	TW	WEEK ENDING FEB. 25, 1978	VOL. 18, NO. 20
1	1	Stayin' Alive	Boo Gees
4	2	Just The Way You Are	Billy Joel
2	3	We Are The Champions/We Will Rock You	Queen
3	4	Short People	Randy Newman
6	5	(Love Is) Thicker Than Water	Andy Gibb
5	6	Baby Come Back	Player
7	7	Sometimes When We Touch	Dan Hill
10	8	Emotion	Samantha Sm.
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Concerts in the Weeks Ahead

Dr. Hook - Ivanhoe - February 21
Eric Clapton/Player - Stadium - February 23
Isaac Hayes - Park West - February 25-26
England Dan & John Ford Coley - Ivanhoe - February 25-26
Dave Mason/Bob Welch - McGraw Hall - February 28

Jock of the Week

ART WALLIS
PLAYS
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WEEKENDS

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Thirty-threes

1	1	The Long Run	Engles
2	2	In Through The Out Door	Led Zeppelin
3	3	Cornerstone	Styx
7	4	Wet	Berba Strainand
5	5	Evolution	Journey
4	6	Tusk	Fleetwood Mac
6	7	Rise	Herb Alpert
8	8	Dream Police	Cheap Trick
11	9	Greatest Hits-On The Radio	Donna Summer
9	10	Midnight Magic	Commodores
12	11	Off The Wall	Michael Jackson
10	12	One Voice	Barry Manilow
14	13	Head Games	Foreigner
13	14	Breakfast In America	Supertramp
18	15	Flirtin' With Disaster	Molly Hatchet
16	16	Highway To Hell	AC/DC
15	17	Get The Knack	The Knack
19	18	Knotty	Kenny Rogers
17	19	Candy-O	The Cars
20	20	I Am	Earth, Wind & Fire
25	21	Dionne	Dionne Warwick
22	22	Rust Never Sleeps	Neil Young
21	23	Million Miles Reflections	Charlie Daniels Band
27	24	First Under The Wire	Little River Band
28	25	The Cars	The Cars
26	26	Discovery	Electric Light Orchestra
24	27	Storm Watch	Jeffery Taft
30	28	The Gambler	Kenny Rogers
23	29	Slow Train Coming	Bob Dylan
28	30	Love Drive	Scorpions
33	31	Van Halen II	Van Halen
31	32	Nine Lives	R. E. O. Speedwagon
32	33	Bad Girls	Donna Summer

Forty-fives

LW	TW	WEEK ENDING NOV. 24, 1979	VOL. 20, NO. 6
3	1	Babe	Styx
1	2	Rise	Herb Alpert
2	3	Lowin', Touchin', Squeezin'	Journey
6	4	No More Tears (Enough Is Enough)	Strainand/Summer
4	5	Heartache Tonight	Engles
9	6	Pop Muzik	M
8	7	Tusk	Fleetwood Mac
7	8	Good Girls Don't	The Knack
5	9	Sad Eyes	Robert John
11	10	Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough	Michael Jackson
15	11	Dream Police	Cheap Trick
13	12	Dim All The Lights	Donna Summer
21	13	Sail On	Commodores
16	14	Ladies Night	Kool & The Gang
14	15	You Decorated My Life	Kenny Rogers
10	16	Sail On	Commodores
12	17	My Sharona	The Knack
19	18	Ships	Barry Manilow
17	19	I'll Never Love This Way Again	Dionne Warwick
23	20	Don't Bring Me Down	Electric Light Orchestra
28	21	Rappers Delight	Sugarhill Gang
22	22	Louise Loring	Little River Band
22	23	Bad Case Of Loving You	Robert Palmer
30	24	Come To Me	France Joli
18	25	The Devil Went Down To Georgia	Charlie Daniels Band
25	26	Dirty White Boy	Foreigner
27	27	Cruel To Be Kind	Nick Lowe
28	28	Do You Think I'm Disco?	Teenage Radiation
29	29	Let's Go	The Cars
43	30	Please Don't Go	KC & The Sunshine Band
29	31	Goodbye Stranger	Supertramp
33	32	Spooky	Atlanta Rhythm Section
45	33	Broken Hearted Me	Anne Murray
xx	34	Take The Long Way Home	Supertramp
31	35	After The Love Has Gone	Earth, Wind & Fire
32	36	I Do Love You	G. O.
39	37	She Believes In Me	Kenny Rogers
40	38	I Know A Heartache When I See One	Jennifer Warnes
35	39	The Boss	Diane Rios
38	40	Heaven Must Have Sent You	Bonnie Pointer
34	41	Lead Me On	Maxine Nightingale
37	42	Main Event/Fight	Barbra Streisand
42	43	One Way Or Another	Blondie
xx	44	Dreaming	Blondie
44	45	Bad Girls	Donna Summer

Concerts in the Weeks Ahead

Curtis Mayfield - Park West - November 29-30
Jefferson Starship - Auditorium - December 1
Who - Amphitheatre - December 6
Aerosmith - Amphitheatre - December 26

