

Chicago Music Survey 1980-1983: The Rock of Chicago from The Rich Gardner Archives Book One

The **WLS Music Survey Vol 1, 1980-1983**, is the first of three books offering full-size facsimiles of the surveys delivered to record stores and collected by record buyers weekly.

The WLS Music Surveys of the 1980s were more than just lists of popular songs. They were tangible artifacts of a vibrant musical era, reflecting the power of radio, the influence of record sales, and the tastes 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.

The 1980s were a transformative decade for popular music, and in Chicago, WLS radio played a pivotal role in shaping and reflecting the city's musical tastes. A key element of this influence was the unique distribution of weekly WLS Music Surveys in record stores throughout the Chicagoland area. These surveys, more than just simple top-song lists, were tangible artifacts of the era, capturing the dynamic interplay between radio, record sales, and listener preferences. This comprehensive summary explores the distinct features of these surveys, their impact on the local music scene, and their broader cultural relevance.

Looking back on the 1980s, the WLS Music Surveys offer a valuable window into the past. They remind us of music and radio's enduring power in shaping our cultural landscape. They are a testament to WLS's enduring legacy and impact on the Chicago music scene.

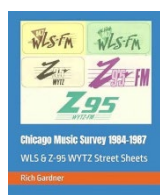
About the author



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.



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Chicago Z-95 Music Survey 1984-1987: Street Sheets
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MUSICRADIO 89

John of the Week

JOHN LANDECKER
PLAYS
THE BEST MUSIC
IN CHICAGO
2:30PM - 7:00PM

Thirty-threes

6	1	The Wall	Pink Floyd
2	2	The Long Run	Eagles
1	3	Conversation	Styx
3	4	In Through The Out Door	Led Zeppelin
5	5	Wet	Barbra Streisand
4	6	Greatest Hits-On The Radio	Donna Summer
7	7	Evolution	Journey
8	8	Dance The Turpisodes	Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers
9	9	Kenny Rogers	Kenny Rogers
11	10	Breakfast In America	Supertramp
17	11	Freedom At Point Zero	Jefferson Starship
18	12	Night In The Ruts	Aerosmith
10	13	Tusk	Fleetwood Mac
12	14	Dream Police	Cheap Trick
19	15	Head Games	Foreigner
21	16	Live Rust	Neil Young & Crazy Horse
13	17	Greatest Hits	Bea Gees
23	18	Highway To Hell	AC/DC
14	19	Rise	Herb Alpert
16	20	Off The Wall	Michael Jackson
25	21	Candy-O	The Cars
15	22	Midnight Magic	Commodores
22	23	The Gambler	Kenny Rogers
20	24	One Voice	Barry Manilow
30	25	Phoenix	Dan Fogelberg
26	26	Journey Through The Secret Life Of Plants	S. Wonder
28	27	Greatest Hits	Electric Light Orchestra
24	28	Flirtin' With Disaster	Molly Hatchet
29	29	The Cars	The Cars
32	30	Van Halen II	Van Halen
27	31	Get The Knack	The Knack
31	32	Love Drive	Scorpions
33	33	Million Mile Reflections	Charlie Daniels Band

WLS plays selected music from these lists

Concerts in the Weeks Ahead

Barry Manilow - Park West - January 10
Jan & Dean - Park West - January 18
Peter, Paul & Mary - Aris Crown - February 2

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John of the Week

JEFF DAVIS
ON
THE ROCK OF CHICAGO®
11:00PM - 2:00AM
WLS AM 89

Forty-fives

LW	TW	WEEK ENDING JAN. 12, 1980	VOL. 20, NO. 13
2	1	Escape (The Pina Colada Song)	Rupert Holmes
1	2	Babe	Styx
5	3	Please Don't Go	KC & The Sunshine Band
4	4	Pop Music	M
3	5	No More Tears (Enough Is Enough)	Streisand/Kenny Rogers
16	6	Coward Of The County	Kenny Rogers
6	7	Still	Commodores
7	8	Love's Touchin', Squeezin'	Journey
8	9	Heartache Tonight	Eagles
13	10	Jeane	Jefferson Starship

Thirty-threes

1	1	4 (6th Week No. 1)	Foreigner
2	2	Tattoo You	The Rolling Stones
3	3	Escape	Journey
4	4	Abacab	Genesis
6	5	Nine Tonight	Bob Seger
5	6	Exit... Stage Left	Rush
7	7	Ghost In The Machine	The Police
8	8	Physical	Olivia Newton-John
10	9	Bella Donna	Stevie Nicks
9	10	Diary Of A Madman	Ozzy Osbourne
11	11	Don't Say No	Billy Squier
12	12	Allied Forces	Triumph
xx	13	For Those About To Rock, We Salute You	AC/DC
13	14	Premotion	Survivor
15	15	Raise	Earth, Wind & Fire
16	16	If I Should Love Again	Barry Manilow
25	17	Shake It Up	The Cars
27	18	On The Way To The Sky	Neil Diamond
14	19	Innocent Age	Dan Fogelberg
17	20	Precious Time	Pat Benatar
xx	21	Memories	Barbra Streisand
18	22	Working Class Dog	Rick Springfield
20	23	Hi Infidelity	R. E. O. Speedwagon
19	24	Songs In The Attic	Billy Joel
29	25	Greatest Hits	Kenny Rogers
21	26	Give The People What They Want	The Kinks
22	27	Long Distance Voyager	Moody Blues
23	28	Blizzard Of Ozz	Ozzy Osbourne
xx	29	Perhaps Love	Placido Domingo & John Denver
29	30	Share Your Love	Kenny Rogers
26	31	Street Songs	Rick James
xx	32	Freeze Frame	J. Geils Band
28	33	Heavy Metal	Soundtrack

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Concerts in the Weeks Ahead

Grateful Dead - Rosemont Horizon - December 6
Peter, Paul & Mary - Aris Crown - December 6
Grand Funk Railroad - Aragon - December 11

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John of the Week

LARRY LUJACK
ON
THE ROCK OF CHICAGO®
5:30AM-10:00AM

Forty-fives

LW	TW	WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 1981	VOL. 21, NO. 28
1	1	9 To 5 (8th Week No. 1)	Dolly Parton
3	2	Rapture	Blondie
2	3	Celebration	Kool & The Gang
5	4	You Better, You Bet	The Who
12	5	Morning Train	Sheena Easton
6	6	While You See A Chance	Steve Winwood
15	7	Kiss On My List	D. Hall & J. Oates
14	8	You Much Time On My Hands	Styx
4	9	Woman	John Lennon
9	10	Just Between You And Me	April Wine
7	11	The Best Of Times	Styx
12	12	Take It On The Run	R. E. O. Speedwagon
8	13	Don't Stand So Close To Me	The Police
11	14	Just The Two Of Us	Grover Washington, Jr.
10	15	Keep On Loving You	R. E. O. Speedwagon
23	16	Angel Of The Morning	John Newton
25	17	Watching The Wheels	John Lennon
13	18	Abi! Look!	Donnie Iris
21	19	I Can't Stand It	Eric Clapton
19	20	Don't Stop The Music	Yarborough & Peoples
18	21	Crying	Don McLean
16	22	The Tide Is High	Blondie
20	23	Hells Again	Neil Diamond
27	24	The Party's Over (Hopefully In Love)	Journey
26	25	Back In Black	AC/DC
30	26	Her Town Too	James Taylor/J. D. Souther
22	27	Whip It	Devo
28	28	The Winner Takes It All	ABBA
24	29	I Love A Rainy Night	Eddie Rabbit
29	30	Generals And Majors	XTC
43	31	Hold On, loosely	38 Special
31	32	Games People Play	Alan Parsons Project
32	33	Hit Me With Your Best Shot	Pat Benatar
xx	34	Find Your Way Back	Jefferson Starship
35	35	A Little In Love	Cliff Richard
34	36	Walking On Thin Ice	Yoko Ono
37	37	Treat Me Right	Pat Benatar
36	38	He Can't Love You	Michael Stanley Band
33	39	Hearts On Fire	Randy Meisner
38	40	Guilt	Barbra Streisand/Barry Gibb
41	41	You Shook Me All Night Long	AC/DC
xx	42	I Must Agree	Phil Collins
40	43	Just Love Starting Over	John Lennon
39	44	Hey Nineteen	Stevie Nicks
xx	45	Being With You	Smokie Robinson
Extra	46	Without Your Love	Roger Daltrey
Extra	47	For You	Manfred Mann's Earth Band
Extra	48	Time Out Of Mind	Stacy Dan

