

## Wendy Rice Announces Retirement from WXRT

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Wendy Rice, veteran host and producer of WXRT's popular *Saturday Morning Flashback*, announced her final show would be on June 24.

*Flashback*, airing 8am-12Noon, is devoted each week to the music and memories of a particular year; for her final program, she chose 1978, the year she spent the summer as an XRT intern.

In 1982, Wendy officially joined the station and shortly thereafter became the full-time late night DJ through the late 1980s and early '90s.

She was an original co-host on *Saturday Morning Flashback* when it launched in June 1985, and became the show's sole host and producer in 1991.

"I've been at XRT for 35 years. I have always worked on weekends. The opportunity to play great music every Saturday has kept me going, along with the support of the loyal listeners who have stayed with us all these years," she said in a statement. "I am now looking forward to my 'retirement' and to experiencing the novelty of a two-day weekend. I've had a wonderful run at 'Chicago's Finest Rock.' I married the boss [former WXRT Program Director Norm Winer] in 1987 -- a CLM: Career Limiting Move -- raised three amazing kids and am now dedicated to my weekday gig as a middle school [Language Arts] teacher."

Greg Solk, WXRT Operations Manager added: "Wendy is Chicago radio royalty. Her Saturday morning show has been a staple of XRT's programming, and one of the most listened to specialty shows in Chicago radio history. All of us thank Wendy for her years of brilliance both on and off the air."