# John Willis

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#### Professional Profile:

- Over 20 years of experience in radio, including 15 years in a major market.
- Warm, charismatic, and versatile voice allows for numerous delivery styles including authoritative, quirky, funny, call-to-action, and matter-of-fact.
- Proficient in a variety of digital editing techniques and software programs including Shortcut 360, Audicy, Audio Vault, and DSE 7000
- Master at creating tight, effective radio copy and scripts
- Enthusiastic, detail and deadline oriented.
- Access to state-of-the-art recording and digital equipment

## WKLB, Country 99.5 FM

Morning Drive Host

Boston, MA

1997 - Present

Sardonic wit combined with good natured, regular guy attitude results in a high energy, top ten Morning Show. Involved in regular station appearances including artist introductions at various venues - Indian Ranch and Club 99.5. Host of St. Jude's Telethon and yearly Country Festival (2002 Country Festival had 19,000+ people in attendance at the Tweeter Center). Writes and produces daily promos. Conducts quirky and fun live interviews (Garth Brooks, Alan Jackson, Trisha Yearwood, Brooks & Dunn, Faith Hill among others. Appeared in station television creative in 1996.

## **Industry Experience:**

WKLB, Country 99.5 FM Evening Host

Boston, MA

1994 - 1997

Proven ratings and professional, enthusiastic attitude. Promoted to mornings in 1997. Self-taught analog to digital editing techniques.

WERZ, 107.1 FM

Afternoon Drive Host

Portsmouth, NH

1991 - 1994

Delivered consistent ratings. Produced client spots and station promos. Popular choice for client appearances.

WBMX, 98.5 FM

Weekend Host

Boston, MA

1992-1993

Part of winning weekend line-up for a station that successfully redefined itself.

WFAL, 101.1 FM

Morning Drive Host

Falmouth, MA

1989-1990

Humor, dedication, and attitude were the winning elements of "Morning Machine" with John Willis. Co-Production Director. Crafted and edited numerous "winning" specs for clients. Involved with station imaging.

WZOU, 94.5 FM

**Evening Host** 

Boston, MA

1986 - 1989

Created and edited countdown shows. Constructed spec and commercial spots. Hosted numerous charity events.

WERZ, 107.1 FM

Morning Drive Host

Portsmouth, NH

1983 - 1986

Driving force behind *Willis In The Morning*. Radio station representative and popular host at Portsmouth's premier dance club, *The Speakeasy*.

WXKS, 107.9 FM

Weekend Host

Boston, MA

1983 - 1985

Mentored by radio legend Sunny Jo White at the station that has dominated the ratings chart in Boston for over 20 years.

WJBQ, 97.9 FM

On-air talent

Portland, ME

1981 - 1983

Quickly climbed the on-air personality ladder from overnights to Evening Host to Host of Afternoon Drive. Named Music Director 1982-1983. Regularly requested by sales and clients for station appearances. Hosted TV Charity Telethon. Research Director for weekly call-out program.

### Education:

University of Maine

Portland, ME

Studied for three years while holding down an on-air shift and Research Director position at WJBQ.