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## Six Questions for Barb Abney, Host on MPR's The Current

**B**ARB ABNEY HAS GOOD LOCAL taste, both when she's playing music weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and when she's out and about the Twin Cities at events the radio station sponsors. Abney moved here from Cincinnati's WOXY.com, one of the premiere alternative stations in the country, in 2006. She DJ'd there for 12 years and built a radio and online community of music nerds.

**1) Where in town is your favorite place to get dinner?**

Though I am NOT 80, my family and I love Curran's in South Minneapolis. It feels like eating dinner at grandma's house and the pie is divine!

**2) Breakfast?**

Icehouse, hands down. Their Savory Éclair is to die for!

**3) Where is the best place for happy hour?**

I almost never go out for happy hour celebrations. But I truly enjoy the shenanigans that take place at The Fitzgerald Theater before a Wits performance with half-price drinks and music and tweeting and bartering, it's a blast!

**4) What do wish we had more of in the Twin Cities?**

Cincinnati chili. (That's a Greek recipe chili that you serve over thin spaghetti and top with mild cheddar cheese for a three-way. Add kidney beans and/or onion for four- and five-ways. NOM!)



**Barb Abney, host on MPR's The Current, with author/musician Henry Rollins.**

**5) If you owned your own restaurant, what kind of restaurant would it be?**

The flavors of Cincinnati. Skyline (chili), Frisch's (burgers and more), LaRosa's (pizza), Montgomery Inn (ribs) and Graeter's (ice cream) for dessert. I'd call it the 513 Food Court.

**6) What toppings make the perfect hamburger?**

Thick slices of cheddar cheese and onion, crisp lettuce, tomato and kosher dill slices. **FSN**

— Joey Hamburger