As the Onondaga Historical Association opens an exhibit on local rock history, I thought you'd appreciate this one, from a few years ago, with a surprising but absolutely inarguable thesis: Through sheer survival, our War Memorial has become one of the great rock'n'roll shrines in the nation. Consider the performers who played there. 

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Music legends from Aerosmith to ZZ Top made our War Memorial the place to be.

60 Years Live at the War Memorial: Digging into the venue’s rich and deep musical history.

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