

## Big Name Concerts at RPI

Date	Band	Venue	Comments
2/21/1960	Dizzy Gillespie	Troy Armory	Saturnalia
2/23/1962	Dave Brubeck		Saturnalia
2/24/1962	Duke Ellington		Saturnalia Dance
10/5/1963	Mantovani	RPI Field House	
11/4/1963	Benny Goodman	RPI Field House	
2/28/1964	New Christy Minstrels	Troy Armory	Saturnalia
4/24/1964	The Brothers Four & Leon Bibb	RPI Field House	Soiree Weekend
10/6/1964	Mantovani	RPI Field House	
10/9/1964	The Kingsmen & The Chiffons	RPI Field House	Homecoming Weekend
10/23/1964	Harry Belafonte	RPI Field House	
11/7/1964	Pete Seager	87 Gym	interview in Poly 11/11/64 p. 5
2/12/1965	Bob Dylan	Troy Armory	
3/5/1965	The Clancy Brothers & Tommy Makem	Troy Armory	Saturnalia
4/30/1965	Peter, Paul and Mary	RPI Field House	Soiree Weekend
10/15/1965	Isley Brothers	RPI Field House	Homecoming Weekend
10/15/1965	Bobby Comstock and the Counts	RPI Field House	Homecoming Weekend
10/16/1965	Dave Brubeck	RPI Field House	Homecoming Weekend
11/12/1965	Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra	Troy Armory	Military Weekend
3/25/1966	Ramsey Lewis Trio	Crooked Lake House	Saturnalia Dance Concert
3/5/1966	The Shirelles	Crooked Lake House	Saturnalia Dance Concert
5/6/1966	Ray Charles	RPI Field House	Soiree Weekend
5/13/1966	The Brothers Four	Troy Armory	
10/8/1966	Simon and Garfunkel		Performed for only for college audiences at the time. Garfunkel was still a student at Columbia.
11/11/1966	Peter, Paul and Mary		
3/3/1967	The Association	RPI Field House	Saturnalia Dance Concert
3/3/1967	The Rascals	RPI Field House	Saturnalia Dance Concert
5/5/1967	Sammy Davis Jr.		
11/10/1967	Lovin' Spoonful	RPI Field House	
12/8/1967	The Doors	RPI Field House	
2/10/1968	New Christy Minstrels	RPI Field House	Jim Morrison said "If this is Troy, I'm with the Greeks." sponsored by the Rensselaer Campus Chest

3/1/1968 Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons	RPI Field House	replaced two bands that cancelled contracts
4/19/1968 Jimi Hendrix	Troy Armory	1970 alum review in 4/2000 Rensselaer Magazine
3/8/1969 McKendree Spring	McNeil Room	
7/20/1969 Beach Boys	Troy Armory	according to sources, the band took a break to watch news coverage of the first lunar landing
10/17/1969 Iron Butterfly	RPI Field House	Oktoberfest Weekend
11/14/1969 Sonny & Cher	RPI Field House	
2/14/1970 McKendree Spring	`87 Gym	blanket concert
2/24/1970 The Fifth Dimension	RPI Field House	Saturnalia
3/13/1970 Bill Cosby	RPI Field House	with Roberta Flack
4/11/1970 Van Morrison	`87 Gym	blanket concert
10/9/1970 Santana	RPI Field House	
5/1/1971 Gordon Lightfoot	RPI Field House	Soiree Weekend
10/16/1971 Blood, Sweat & Tears	RPI Field House	Oktoberfest Weekend
12/4/1971 The Allman Brothers	Hudson Valley Civic Center	
4/21/1972 Sha Na Na	Hudson Valley Civic Center	Soiree Weekend
9/17/1972 J. Geils Band	RPI Field House	
9/29/1972 Isaac Hayes Movement	RPI Field House	
10/31/1972 Chicago	RPI Armory	the only back to back concerts at RPI
11/1/1972 Chicago	RPI Armory	
2/23/1972 Bette Midler	RPI Armory	
4/14/1972 Melanie	RPI Field House	Billed as "relatively unknown but critically acclaimed."
9/28/1973 If & Dick Morrissey	87 Gym	known for "A Brand New Key" the roller skate song
10/20/1973 The Carpenters	RPI Field House	Oktoberfest Weekend
3/8/1974 Seals & Crofts	RPI Field House	sold out concert
9/20/1974 Sha Na Na	RPI Field House	
10/21/1974 Jackson Browne	Palace Theater	
11/16/1974 America	Houston Field House	co-sponsored with Siena and HVCC
11/1/1975 Poco & McKendree Spring	Proctor's Theater, Troy	
10/10/1976 Jackson Browne and Orleans	RPI Field House	first concert after Field House was closed to concerts for two years
11/6/1976 Frank Zappa	RPI Field House	
5/8/1977 Boston	RPI Field House	

2/6/1978 Emerson Lake & Palmer	RPI Field House	
5/7/1978 The Grateful Dead	RPI Field House	sold out in hours
11/12/1978 Bruce Springsteen	RPI Field House	rave reviews
5/27/1979 Supertramp	RPI Field House	
11/8/1979 Jefferson Starship	RPI Field House	
4/26/1980 Frank Zappa	RPI Field House	2nd appearance
3/8/1981 Cheap Trick	RPI Field House	sold out. Review in Poly 3/11/82
10/3/1982 Clash	RPI Field House	Sold out. Sound system problems marred beginning of concert. Poly 10/10/82
11/9/1984 Cyndi Lauper	RPI Field House	
5/17/1985 Beach Boys	RPI Field House	sponsored by the Rensselaer Alumni Association
9/4/1985 Ronnie James Dio	RPI Field House	
9/10/1985 Heart/Cheap Trick	RPI Field House	2nd appearance
10/9/1985 Supertramp	RPI Field House	
11/16/1985 Starship/Night Ranger	RPI Field House	
7/29/1986 Judas Priest	RPI Field House	
9/24/1986 Neil Young	RPI Field House	
10/10/1986 Monkees	RPI Field House	20th Reunion Tour
11/30/1986 Stevie Ray Vaughan	RPI Field House	
4/10/1987 Bon Jovi	RPI Field House	
8/14/1987 Motley Crue	RPI Field House	
10/10/1987 Hooters	RPI Field House	
11/10/1987 Jethro Tull	RPI Field House	
11/12/1987 Rush	RPI Field House	
11/13/1987 Alice Cooper	RPI Field House	
12/15/1987 Yes	RPI Field House	
2/6/1988 Sting	RPI Field House	
3/15/1989 Metallica	RPI Field House	
5/9/1989 Rod Stewart	RPI Field House	
10/23/1989 Jethro Tull	RPI Field House	
10/27/1989 Bob Dylan	RPI Field House	
9/29/1990 They Might Be Giants	McNeil Room	
2/9/1991 Neil Young & Crazy Horse	RPI Field House	with Sonic Youth
11/5/1991 Red Hot Chili Peppers	RPI Field House	with Smashing Pumpkins and Pearl Jam

4/27/1992 Steve Miller Band	RPI Field House	
1/27/1996 Ozzy Osbourne/Korn	RPI Field House	Retirement Sucks Tour
2/11/1996 Red Hot Chili Peppers	RPI Field House	
2/13/1996 Alanis Morissette	?	
2/17/1997 Live	RPI Field House	
2/18/1997 Marilyn Manson	RPI Field House	with L7
3/28/1998 They Might Be Giants	McNeil Room	with Double Dong
2/22/1999 Bob Dylan	RPI Field House	Natalie Merchant opened
3/2/1999 The Offspring	RPI Field House	with Ozomatli and The Living End
4/26/2009 Fall Out Boy	RPI Field House	with Cobra Starship, All Time Low, Metro Station, & Hey Mo
12/4/2010 Aretha Franklin	EMPAC	10th Anniversary Gala Celebration
12/5/2010 Joshua Bell	EMPAC	10th Anniversary Gala Celebration
4/30/2010 Girl Talk	ECAV	







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