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Andrew Twambley and Nick Pinto recall ten of the gigs that most inspired them especially at the infamous Eric's during their student years in the late 1970s in Liverpool.

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In the summer of 1979, I spent four months in the good old U.S. of A. with a view to chilling out and following The Clash 'round various gigs. I vividly recall a visit to one bar in New York where the following conversation took place, Chuck the Yank : "Hey, where you guys from?" Me: "Liverpool, U.K." Chuck the Yank : "Oh Gee, do you know The Beatles?" Me: "No, but I have taken a piss next to Elvis Costello." Chuck the Yank : "Whaaaat?" Me: "Liverpool is a multifaceted vibrant city which is currently the epicentre of musical culture in The U.K.... It's about more than just The @@@@ing Beatles." Chuck the Yank : "Oh, rightee... Bye." Winding back in time three years to the late, sweltering, summer of summer of '76, I approached my halls of residence in Liverpool armed with my LP collection, including, Queen, Elton John and Rush. A few days after landing in this strange and alluring city, I heard a knock on my door. It was 'Nick the Pin', from the neighbouring cell (who is co-writing this piece) and for better or for worse, is still my buddy to this day. He asked, "Do you want to go to the pub tonight or come down this club in town and see this American all girl rock band ?" The pub would have been the easier option but a higher power directed me to