

The Minneapolis Sounds TOUR

FEATURING HITS FROM PRINCE, NPG,
THE TIME, THE FAMILY, AND MORE.



PERFORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL BANDS
WITH

ST. PAUL
THE MINNEAPOLIS
FUNK ALLSTARS

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One of the best musicians to emerge from the Twin Cities, **St. Paul** appeared in **Purple Rain** as a teenage wunderkind, playing keys with **The Time** on hits like "Jungle Love" and "The Bird." He was hand-picked by **Prince** himself to be lead singer of **The Family** (best known for "Nothing Compares 2 U") on Prince's Paisley Park label.

In the tradition of Motown's Funk Brothers, St. Paul has assembled the who's who crew of the Minneapolis Sound with **St. Paul & The Minneapolis Funk All-stars**, showcasing those who wrote, produced, performed, or sung on some of the biggest hits from the heyday of electro funk-rock in the Twin Cities.

The All-stars include*:

Jellybean Johnson - Drummer for The Time and The Family.

Dr. Fink - Keyboardist for Prince and the Revolution.

Kirk Johnson - Drummer for Prince and the NPG.

Elisa Fiorillo - Singer for Prince and the NPG.

Horn Heads - Horn section for Prince.

Oliver Leiber - Producer of Paula Abdul and guitarist with Tamara and The Seen.

Jason Peterson DeLaire - Keys and saxophone with Solo and Carmen Electra.

* Some players are subject to change and sub out occasionally

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BAND MEMBERS

St. Paul Peterson - Lead Vocals and Bass - The Time/The Family

Paul Peterson, dubbed St. Paul by Prince in 1985 when he asked him to be the lead singer for his group The Family, is the leader of The Minneapolis Funk All Stars. He originally joined the Prince camp as a replacement for Jimmy Jam in "Morris Day and The Time" in 1983 and appeared on their double platinum album "Ice Cream Castles" and in the movie "Purple Rain." He was a part of their biggest hits "Jungle Love" and "The Bird."

When Morris Day went solo, Prince chose Paul to be the lead singer of his newest group The Family, who were the first to release the song "Nothing Compares 2 u."

Jellybean Johnson - Guitar - The Time / The Family / Jam and Lewis Producer

As a founding member of The Time, drummer and percussionist Jellybean Johnson also works as a producer, musician, and songwriter. He became a long-time associate of Flyte Tyme productions. His first session job was being a musician for Alexander O'Neal's #11 R&B hit "Innocent" (produced by The Time bandmates Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis). On this track, he was not only the drummer, but also delivered the guitar solos. From this point on, he was in-demand as a session guitarist for Janet Jackson, Alexander O'Neal, New Edition, and many others. Throughout his career, he has also produced several hits for Alexander O'Neal, New Edition and others. In 1990 he would co-produce with Janet Jackson, Janet's Rock inspired #1 smash hit "Black Cat". He has also co-produced Mint Condition's entire debut album Meant to Be Mint.

Kirk Johnson - Drummer - Prince / NPG

Kirk was in Purple Rain, and began working with Prince as a member of the NPG in 1990 as a dancer and percussionist. He took over the drum chair in 1996, filled the role over the next two decades while also serving as Paisley Park's estate manager. He worked with Prince up until the day that the artist passed away.

Dr. Fink - Keyboards - Original member of Prince and the Revolution,

Dr. Fink played with Prince as a paramount member of The Revolution. He has won three Grammy Awards, three American Music Awards, and numerous RIAA gold and platinum awards. Fink joined St Paul and the Minneapolis Funk All Stars in 2022. He has also worked with artists, songwriters and producers, including The Time, Lipps Inc., The Jets, Vanity 6, David Z., Bobby Z., P. Diddy, The Rembrandts, and many others.

Oliver Leiber - Guitar/Producer - Paula Abdul / Tamara and the Scene

Part of the fabric of pop music coming out of the Minneapolis in the 80's, Oliver is a world class guitarist, drummer, songwriter and producer. He is responsible for all of Paula Abdul's early hits, recorded at various Minneapolis studios, utilizing Minneapolis musicians. Paula's record sold over 20 million copies. He also played guitar with "Ta Mara & the Seen," a Jesse Johnson produced project.

Elisa Fiorillo - Vocals - NPG

Elisa toured with Prince and the NPG from 2009 -2014 and scored two top 20 hits with Jellybean Benitez. In her pop career she's collaborated with: Prince, Jellybean Benitez, Savage Garden, Dave Koz, La Toya Jackson, Luciano Pavorotti, Belinda Carlisle, David Cassidy among others.

Jason Peterson DeLaire - Sax / Keys / Vocals - Carmen Electra / Solo / Michael Bolton

Jason helped pen fDeluxe's songs (aka The Family) for their comeback record. Jason has toured nationally and internationally with renowned artists such as The Family/fDeluxe, Donny Osmond, Michael Bolton, Prince, Alexander O'Neal, Richard Marx, Solo, and Oleta Adams. Jason has also recorded with Michael Bolton, Prince, Donny Osmond, as well as Bobby Brown, Oleta Adams and Flyte Time Productions.

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