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Shining the spotlight on the players who wrote, produced, performed or sung on some of the biggest hits from the era — from *'Funktown'* to *'Little Red Corvette'*, *'Black Cat'* to *'Nothing Compares 2 U'* — St Paul & The Minneapolis Funk Allstars are the architects of an electro funk-rock sound that brought together people of all colors and backgrounds; a style whose influence continues to ripple throughout pop music to this day with artists such as Questlove and The Roots, D'Angelo, Bruno Mars, Dam-Funk and many more proclaiming their love for The Minneapolis Sound.

The chart-topping, synth-heavy pulse that came out of the Twin Cities has been credited as one of the most vital R&B styles of the past 30 years. Popularized by Prince's mega hit movie *'Purple Rain'* and its accompanying soundtrack *The Minneapolis Sound* became a musical juggernaut that spawned hits from artists such as The Time, Vanity 6, Morris Day, Janet Jackson, Paula Abdul, Sheila E, Jody Watley, The Jets, Ready For The World and many more.

St. Paul Peterson - a teenage wunderkind who performed keys with The Time in Purple Rain before signing to the Paisley Park label as lead singer of the Prince-curated band The Family (*'Nothing Compares 2 U'*) - is widely recognized as one of the finest musicians to emerge from the Twin Cities. Since that time, Peterson has contributed to records amassing more than 20 million sold. His credits include names such as George Benson, Victor Wooten and Mavis Staples through to Peter Dinklage, Steve Miller Band and Kenny Loggins.

In past year St Paul & The Minneapolis All-Stars have played sold out shows in Minneapolis, performed at the launch of the Minnesota Timberwolves 2018 season, Prince's Honorary Doctorate at The U Of M, Canada's Thunder Bay Blues Festival, Summer Skolstice (alongside the likes of Joss Stone, Elle King, Sheila E) and formed the backbone of Nothing Compares 2 Prince, the show that sold out 2 nights at Australia's iconic Sydney Opera House. At a sold out show in Hawaii they were joined by Rock and Roll Hall Of Famers Mick Fleetwood and Steven Tyler. You never know who will pop up on stage at a St Paul & The Minneapolis Funk Allstars show!