

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



Prince

Inducted in 2007

Prince Rogers Nelson was born in Minneapolis in 1958 and was named after his dad's jazz band, Prince Rogers Trio.

His father bought him his first guitar and in junior high, he joined his first band, Grand Central. By the time he entered high school, Prince had been producing arrangements and their band evolved into Champagne and started playing original music.

In 1976, he started to work on a demo tape which led him to a bidding war where Prince signed with record label Warner Bros. Records.

In 1982, Prince released the *1999* double album which "broke" Prince into the mainstream in the U.S. and internationally, selling over 3 million copies. He followed with the album *Purple Rain*, which sold more than 13 million copies and spent 24 consecutive weeks at #1 on the Billboard 200.

Prince has won six Grammy Awards, an Academy Award and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004.

