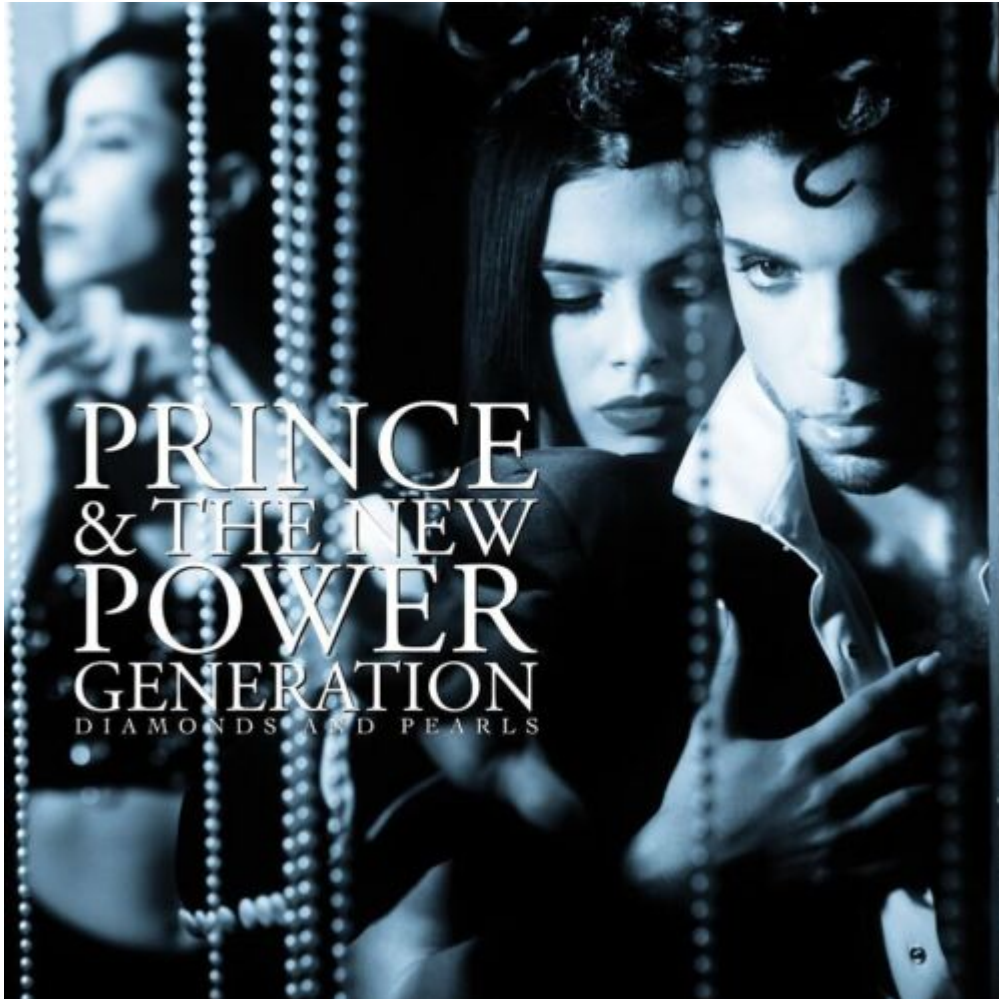


Throwback: Prince-Diamonds & Pearls



Diamonds and Pearls is Prince's 13th studio album recorded with his New Power Generation band. The title track is a romantic pop and R&B duet he sang with Rosie Gaines who had just joined the band. Gaines' plush soul was a harmonious answer to Prince's melodic monotone. She had heft in her notes to soar above the song's dramatic drum builds and added the right amount of ad-libs at the end. Prince brilliantly combined soul with syrupy pop styling to create his most successful single of the decade. "Diamonds and Pearls" was a Top Ten hit nationally and Top Twenty in four European countries and put Prince back in the commercial spotlight after the moderate success of the *Graffiti Bridge* movie and album. The video and the song played regularly on MTV and

radio. The album hit the Top Ten on charts nationally and abroad. *Diamonds and Pearls* was remastered and reissued with deluxe and super-deluxe versions in 2023. The 40th anniversary of Prince's *Purple Rain* album and movie has been acknowledged with the upcoming [June 26](#) film release in 4K UHD. There was a movie screening in Los Angeles last week at the [Regent Theater](#) with a panel discussion of Prince's friends and colleagues afterward.