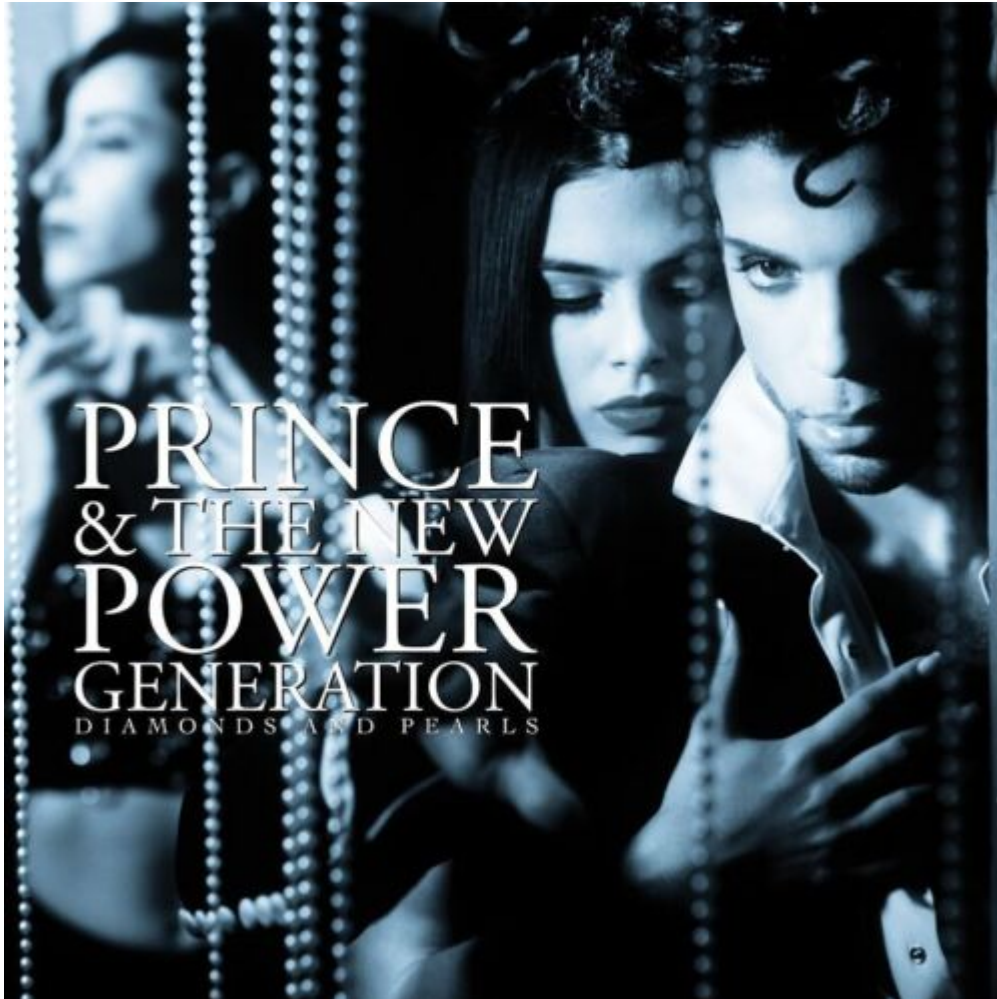


# Throwback: Prince-Diamonds & Pearls



*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.

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## Throwback: Prince-Dinner With Delores



"Dinner With Delores" was the only single from Prince's 1996 album *Chaos and Disorder*. Warner Brothers released the album to fulfill Prince's contract that he was disputing at the time *Chaos and Disorder* had funk, rock and the return of vocalist Rosie Gaines on most of the songs. "Dinner With Delores" was a funny song about a girl who ate too much and "danced like a white girl." It was catchy and featured Prince's underrated guitar work. He did nothing to promote the album out of protest to the label but "Dinner With Delores" still charted in the UK and the Netherlands. The single was not released in the United States but the video was played on music channels. There were low expectations for *Chaos and Disorder* in general because of the low-key way it was released but Prince's 19th album was one of his best from the '90s. The album was digitally released to Tidal in 2016 and iTunes in 2018. A vinyl and CD reissue came out in 2019.

