

The Family-Nothing Compares 2U 2016

[youtube id="gt1YhpQb8go"] Prince originally wrote "Nothing Compares 2 U" for The Family which was one of his side projects in the '80's. Sinead O'Connor is usually associated with the song because it became her signature hit. St. Paul, who was the leader of The Family, got together with former bandmates Susannah Melvoin and Eric Leeds along with STRINGenius to perform the song as a tribute to Prince in acknowledgement of his passing.

Throwback: The Family-Screams Of Passion



[The Family \(The Screams of Passion\) sur WAT.tv](#) s'ajoute dans [Musique](#)

The Family was a band put together by Prince in the '80's right after he recorded *Around The World In A Day*. He assembled Jerome Benton, Jellybean Johnson, Susannah Melvoin, St. Paul Petersen and Eric Leeds as the band's lineup. The group was essentially his mouthpiece because he wrote and recorded all the music except, "River Run Dry" and later added vocals from Petersen and Melvoin. "Screams Of Passion" would be the only single and video from the 8-song album. "Nothing Compares 2 U" was written by Prince for then-fiancee Susannah and later became a big song for Sinead O'Connor. Spike Lee would also use the song for the *Girl 6* soundtrack. The Family differed from Prince's earlier work as the mastermind behind The Time

because of the jazzy instrumentals, its co-ed nature and Petersen's low-key presence in contrast to Morris Day's theatrics. The band existed for the one album and then broke-up soon after their 1985 introduction. They re-formed in 2009 as [fDeluxe](#) minus Jerome Benton and are preparing for the release of their fourth album, *A M Static* on October 18th.