

Life and work of pop icon Prince



■ **Jun 7, 1958:** Born Prince Rogers Nelson to musician parents in Minneapolis, Minnesota

■ **1972:** Forms first band, **Grand Central** (later **Champagne**)

■ **1978:** Signed to Warner Bros, releases debut album **For You** and Top 20 hit **I Wanna Be Your Lover**. String of hit singles and albums explore themes of sexual fantasy, religion and social commentary while moving effortlessly between disco, soul, rock, pop, New Wave and funk

■ **1984:** Achieves international stardom with soundtrack and starring role in movie **Purple Rain**

■ **1986:** Releases second movie **Under the Cherry Moon**

■ **1987:** Critically acclaimed solo album **Sign o' the Times** offers sombre look at social issues, one of the first to address AIDS epidemic

■ **1990:** Forms **New Power Generation** with urban hip-hop sound

■ **1993:** Feeling controlled by record company, changes name to symbol. Released from contract in 1996

■ **1996:** Marries singer **Mayte Garcia**. Baby son dies after a week

■ **2000:** Troubled marriage ends in divorce. Marries second wife **Manuela Testolini** in 2001

■ **2007:** Performs at Super Bowl XLI, regarded by many as greatest-ever half-time show

■ **2010:** Features in TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential People, inducted into Grammy Hall of Fame

■ **Apr 22, 2016:** Pronounced dead at his home in Minneapolis

Studio albums

- 1978 *For You*
- 1979 *Prince*
- 1980 *Dirty Mind*
- 1981 *Controversy*
- 1982 *1999*
- 1984 *Purple Rain*
- 1985 *Around the World in a Day*
- 1986 *Parade*
- 1987 *Sign o' the Times*
- 1988 *Lovesexy*
- 1989 *Batman*
- 1990 *Graffiti Bridge*
- 1991 *Diamonds and Pearls*
- 1992 *Love Symbol Album*
- 1994 *Come, The Black Album*
- 1995 *The Gold Experience*
- 1996 *Chaos and Disorder, Emancipation*
- 1998 *Crystal Ball/The Truth*
- 1999 *The Vault: Old Friends 4 Sale, Rave Un2 the Joy Fantastic*
- 2001 *The Rainbow Children*
- 2002 *One Nite Alone*
- 2003 *Xpectation, N.E.W.S*
- 2004 *Musicology, The Chocolate Invasion, The Slaughterhouse*
- 2006 *3121*
- 2007 *Planet Earth*
- 2009 *Lotusflow3r/MPLSound*
- 2010 *20Ten*
- 2014 *Plectrumelectrum, Art Official Age*
- 2015 *HITnRUN Phase One & Two*

