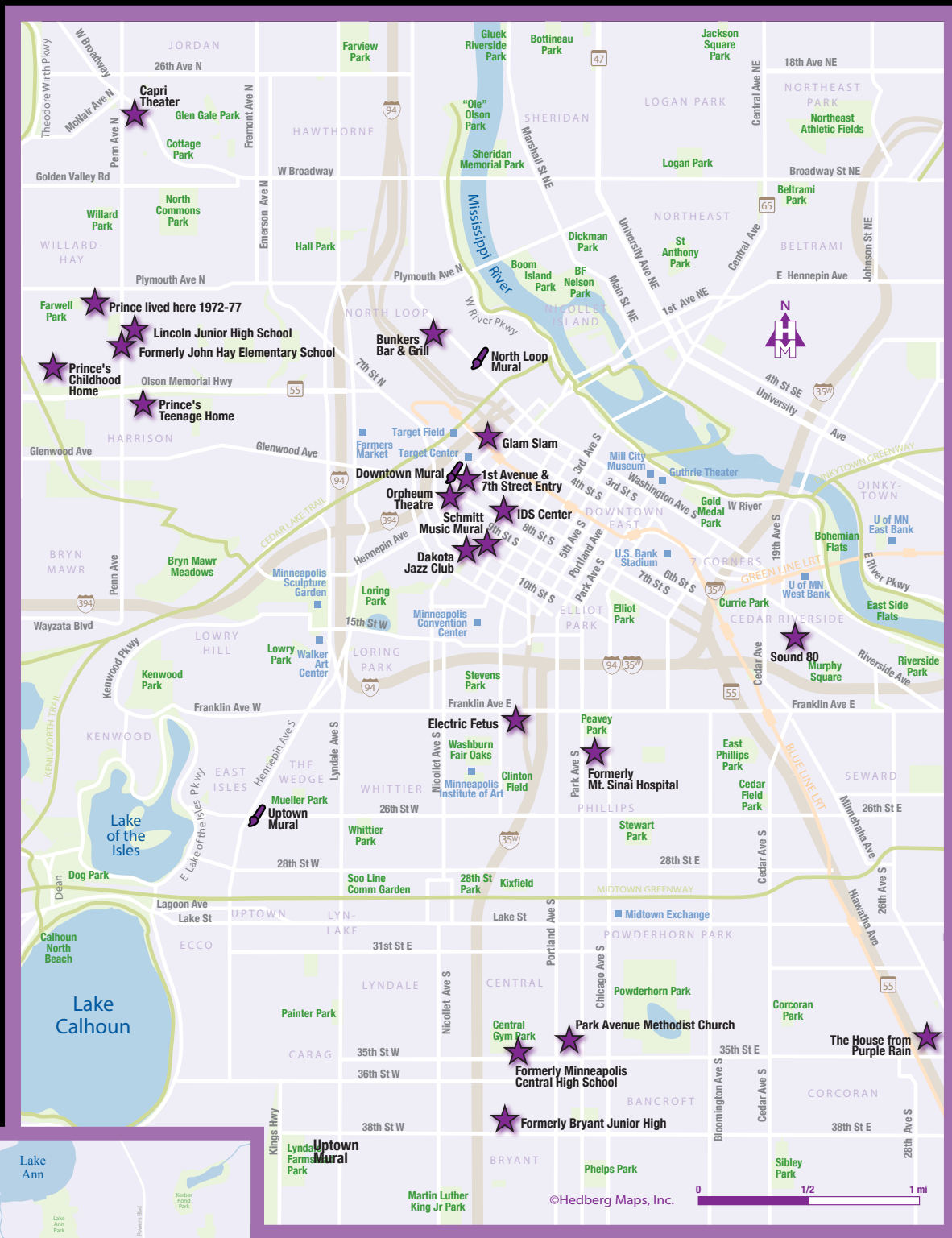


# A TOUR OF PRINCE'S MINNEAPOLIS

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## PAISLEY PARK STUDIOS

7801 Audubon Road, Chanhassen, MN

Paisley Park Records was Prince's record label, which started in 1985 following the success of the film and album "Purple Rain." Hundreds of musicians have recorded in this space over the past three decades. Paisley Park Records folded in 1994 and Prince continued to live and record at Paisley Park Studios until his death at this location on April 21, 2016.

## LIFE EVENTS

- ★ MT. SINAI HOSPITAL** | 2215 Park Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN

Birthplace of Prince, June 7, 1958. The hospital is now the Phillips Eye Institute.
- ★ CHILDHOOD HOME** | 2620 8th Avenue North,  
Minneapolis MN

Prince lived in this modest home from ages 6 - 12. A musical prodigy, he mastered the piano while living here, in part through watching his jazz musician father, John Nelson, play.
- ★ TEENAGE HOME** | 539 Newton Avenue North,  
Minneapolis MN

Often reported as Prince's childhood home, Prince and his father John Nelson moved into this house in December 1972. Prince likely lived here from approximately ages 14-and-a-half to about 16.
- ★ ANDRE CYMONE'S HOME** | 1244 Russell Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN

This home belonged to the Anderson family. Their son Andre was the original bass player for The Revolution and goes by the professional name Andre Cymone. Prince left carvings on window sills, according to one homeowner.
- ★ JOHN HAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** | 1014 Penn Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN

Prince attended Grades 1-3, and 5 at John Hay, now demolished. His parents sent him to Kenwood Elementary for Grade 4 as part of a volunteer program to bus kids to desegregate school.
- ★ LINCOLN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL** | 2131 North 12th Avenue,  
Minneapolis MN

Prince went to Lincoln Junior High School for 6th grade before choosing transferring to Bryant Junior High School the next year to take part in their strong music program.

## THE MUSIC

- ★ SOUND 80 RECORDING STUDIOS** | 2709 East 25th Street,  
Minneapolis, MN

Prince "got hip to Polymoogs" (synthesizers) and LinnDrum machines while recording his demo tapes here in early 1977 that landed him a three-record recording contract with Warner Bros. when he was only 19 years old.
- ★ CAPRI THEATER** | 2027 West Broadway Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN

January 5 and 6, 1979, Prince performed his first shows as a Warner Bros. recording artist here. The studio wanted him to perform in Los Angeles with West Coast musicians, but he insisted on playing with Minneapolis musicians and doing the show as a fundraiser for a movie theater in his old neighborhood.
- ★ FIRST AVENUE & 7th STREET ENTRY** | 701 North 1st Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN

First Avenue featured prominently in Prince's first movie, Purple Rain (1984). Many of the film's music performances took place here, including the world premier and recording of the title song in 1983. The nightclub helped launch the careers of now famous Minneapolis bands, including Prince, The Revolution, The Replacements, Husker Du, Soul Asylum, Semisonic, The Jayhawks, Atmosphere, and Brother Ali. These and other bands who performed at the revered club are honored by having their names included on the famous wall of stars on the building's facade. Overnight between May 3 and 4th, 2016, Prince's former graphic artist Peyton Russell gilded Prince's star in gold leaf.
- ★ GLAM SLAM** | 110 North 5th Street  
Minneapolis, MN

(Now Cowboy Jack's and Shout House Dueling Pianos)

In late 1989, Prince opened a nightclub in Minneapolis named after his song "Glam Slam" off the 1988 album "LoveSexy".

## PURPLE RAIN SITES

- ★ THE HOUSE FROM PURPLE RAIN** | 3420 Snelling Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN

(aka "The Kid's House")

The house where Prince (aka "The Kid") lived in the film Purple Rain.
- ★ ORPHEUM THEATRE** | 910 Hennepin Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN

This is where the backstage/green room scenes were filmed due to the lack of space in First Avenue. The backstage areas are accessible via public tours led by the Hennepin Theatre Trust. Prince also played here in 1980 for the tour in support of his second album, Prince, making it the first downtown Minneapolis venue at which he performed.
- ★ IDS CENTER** | 80 South 8th Street  
Minneapolis, MN

Scenes from the movie were filmed on the skyway level of the glass-enclosed Crystal Court in the center of downtown Minneapolis.

- ★ SABATHANI COMMUNITY CENTER** | 310 East 38th Street,  
Minneapolis, MN

Formerly known as Bryant Junior High School before its closure in 1978, Prince attend 7th and 8th grades here. He took classes in the Business of Music and Music Theory. Prince also played on the Bryant basketball team and was widely regarded as a skilled player.
- ★ MINNEAPOLIS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL** | 3416 South 4th Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN

Prince graduated from Minneapolis Central High School in 1976, which was located on 4th Avenue between 34th Street and 35th Street. The building was closed in 1982 and subsequently demolished.
- ★ PARK AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
3400 Park Avenue South, Minneapolis

This is the church where Prince married his first wife, dancer Mayte Garcia on February 14, 1996.
- ★ SCHMITT MUSIC MURAL** | South 10th Street & Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN

Prince's first manager Owen Husney hired photographer Robert Whitman to take the now iconic picture of the 18-year-old artist in front of the Schmitt Music Mural for use in promotional material that landed him a major recording contract with Warner Bros. just weeks after his 19th birthday.

- ★ BUNKERS BAR & GRILL** | 761 Washington Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN

One of the longest-running neighborhood music bars and restaurants in Minneapolis, known for occasional impromptu Prince jam sessions.
- ★ DAKOTA JAZZ CLUB** | 1010 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, MN

Prince often frequented this iconic live music venue in downtown Minneapolis. It was also a site of some of his famed "surprise" concerts.
- ★ ELECTRIC FETUS** | 2000 4th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN

Prince could often be found exploring both new music and old favorites at this local record store.
- ★ CALHOUN SQUARE** | South 10th Street & Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN

The subject of Prince's songs "Uptown" and "Calhoun Square".

## MURALS

- ★ UPTOWN** | 26th Street and Hennepin Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN

Artist Rock "Cyfi" Martinez, from nearby Bloomington, took about six hours to complete this Prince mural, just after his death. It's about one story tall and, interestingly, includes Prince's one-time symbol instead of his name.
- ★ NORTH LOOP** | 424 N Washington Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN

Los Angeles artist Jonas Never created this mural on Washington Avenue in Minneapolis' North Loop! Located at Floyd's 99 Barbershop, it is a fitting spot to see Prince just 3 blocks from Bunkers Music Bar & Grill, where he was known to listen, hang and occasionally sit in.
- ★ DOWNTOWN** | Ramp A at the corner of First Avenue and Eighth Street  
Minneapolis, MN

Expected to be completed in June, the 100-foot Prince mural, created by Florida artist Hiero Veiga, will be one of the largest in the Twin

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