

Sly & The Family Stone



* Sly & The Family Stone was active from 1967 to 1983

* Leader was Sylvester (Sly) Stone

* Group was from Vallejo, CA and contained several family members and friends

* Was the first major American rock band to have an "integrated multigender" lineup

* The group was created when brothers Sly & Freddie Stone combined their bands into one



* The group was pivotal in the development of soul, funk and psychedelic music

* *Stand!* (1969)

* Sly & The Family Stone had five Top 10 hits and four ground-breaking albums

* *Thank You (Fallettinmeee Be Mice Elf Agin)* (1969)



* Sly & The Family Stone
performed at Woodstock

* *I Want To Take You Higher*
(1970)

* The early Sunday morning
Woodstock lineup was Creedance
Clearwater Rival, Janis Joplin, Sly &
The Family Stone and The Who

* Their songs were usually
about peace, love and
understanding.





* They were also against
racism, discrimination. Proof of
which was the band itself which
had two caucasians at a time
when integrated bands were
very rare

* Sly & The Family Stone
developed a grittier funk sound

* *Family Affair* (1971)

* During the early 70's the
band began to fall apart do to
drug abuse and ego clashes





* Sly Stone was arrested and
sentenced on drug abuse
charges in 1987, after he
officially retired

* Inducted into the Rock N Roll
Hall of Fame in 1993


