



## A Tribute to Tom Petty (1950 – 2017)

Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers made music history. So, the death of the singer in 2017 was not only a shock to his fans worldwide: No more hits like "Free Fallin'," "Learning to Fly," or "Into the Great Wide Open" live on stage? The answer comes from a tribute band from Germany, which has quickly built up a steadily growing fanbase: The Pretty Heartbreakers. What initially began as a casual idea among a group of sound engineers who worked on various TV productions in Cologne is now a "must-have" for all lovers of timeless rock and pop songs.

The legacy of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers is carried on by Justus Kopanski (Vocals, Guitar, Blues Harp), Thomas Wirtz (Lead Guitar), Akki Katerbau (Rhythm Guitar), Michael Neumahr (Bass), Jeremy Pütz (Drums), and Jan Wördenweber (Keyboards). Together, they deliver an electrifying live performance.

*The „Kölnische Rundschau“ recently wrote: "From punk influences to classic southern rock to folk, Petty always blurred genre boundaries. And now, the Pretty Heartbreakers are following suit — sometimes staying true to the original, sometimes adding their own interpretation. Both approaches do the songs justice."*

With his unique mix of rock, pop, country, and folk, Tom Petty had worked his way up to the Olympus of the most famous musicians by the mid-1970s. Many of his songs are still part of radio station playlists to this day. The Pretty Heartbreakers ensure that Tom Petty's hits remain immortal, even in live performances. The "Last Dance with Mary Jane" is not over yet.

<https://www.youtube.com/@TomPettyTributeBand>

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