



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

Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers made music history. So, the singer's death in 2017 came as a shock not only to his fans around the world: no more live performances of hits like "Free Fallin'," "Learning to Fly," or "Into the Great Wide Open"? The answer comes from a tribute band from Germany that has quickly gained a steadily growing fanbase: The Pretty Heartbreakers. What started as a spontaneous idea over a few beers has now become a "must-have" for all lovers of timeless rock and pop songs.

Accordingly, the press has been full of praise. The magazine *Nordevants* recently hailed The Pretty Heartbreakers as "probably Germany's most convincing Tom Petty tribute band." Their performance at the legendary Hamburg club "Logo" was described as "proof of how alive Tom Petty's work still sounds today when brought to the stage with such respect and skill."

The *Kölnische Rundschau* wrote after one of their early shows: "From punk influences to classic Southern rock to folk, Petty always blurred genre boundaries. And now The Pretty Heartbreakers are following in his footsteps — sometimes staying true to the original, sometimes adding their own interpretation. Both approaches suit the songs well."

With his unique blend of rock, pop, country, and folk, Tom Petty rose to the top tier of the world's most iconic musicians starting in the mid-70s. Celebrated in Europe and revered as a superstar in the U.S., many of his songs remain staples on radio stations to this day. Now, Justus Kopanski (vocals, guitar, blues harp), Thomas Wirtz (lead guitar), Claudio Chariarse (rhythm & lead guitar, percussion), Michael Neumahr (bass), Jeremy Pütz (drums), and Jan Wördenweber (keyboards) carry on his musical legacy with a rousing live performance.

The Pretty Heartbreakers ensure that Tom Petty's hits remain immortal on stage. "Mary Jane's Last Dance" isn't over yet.

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