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The music of Tom Petty will be filling the Old Winery Restaurant this weekend in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Don't Do Me Like That is the one-night only tribute show to the American singer-songwriter known for his work as both a solo artist and as a founding member of the Traveling Wilburys. Taking place Friday, April 27, the evening will feature a mix of local and visiting musicians performing their own unique interpretations of the songs they chose from Petty's extensive catalogue.

"Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers have been pounding out the hits for over 30 years and if you go through their library of songs it is amazing how many will make you say 'Holy cow, I love that song!'" explained organizer Steve Goldberger.

This isn't the first tribute act organized by Goldberger and his roster of singers. Over the past year, the group has put on tribute nights dedicated to the music of Bob Dylan, the Rolling Stones and Jimmy Buffett. Taking on Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Goldberger said, was something the audience requested.

"We'd done the other shows, and people kept asking 'when are you going to do Tom Petty?' So we decided to go for it," he explained.

The event will feature a mix of younger and older musicians, hailing from Niagara and beyond. Artists were asked to select songs from Petty's extensive catalogue that they'd like to perform and Goldberger had the arduous task of paring that list down to about 25 songs.

“There’s just so many great ones to choose from,” he said. “It’s really about the musicians selecting songs that are a right fit for them and their voice.”

Performing on Friday will be veteran rockers like Blair Packham, Dave Norris, Denis Keldie, Johnny Ocean and Goldberger himself. Niagara music fans will recognize Welland-based musician Serena Pryne, who usually performs with her backing band the Mandevilles. Niagara-on-the-Lake singer-songwriter Kurt Frommann has performed in all of the tribute nights to date. He’ll be there again on Friday.

Proving age doesn’t matter, 16-year-old Kristen T. Clark will again be making the trek from Peterborough to perform at the Old Winery Restaurant. Jon Knight, another young, soulful singer who hails from Kitchener will also appear.

The show will have very limited seating, so anyone wishing to attend should reserve a spot in advance. The Old Winery Restaurant is located at 2228 Niagara Stone Rd. in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Those coming for dinner and the show should arrive at 7 p.m. as the show starts at 9:30. For more information call 905-468-8900 or email info@theoldwineryrestaurant.com.

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