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**KELLER WILLIAMS ANNOUNCES *KELLER WILLIAMS' PETTYGRASS*  
THE NEW PROEJCT INSPIRED BY THE LATE TOM PETTY**

**WILLIAMS TO PERFORM SELECT PETTYGRASS  
FESTIVAL DATES WITH THE HILLBENDERS**

View the exclusive PettyGrass announcement via [Billboard](#).

Nashville, TN – Keller Williams has announced a new Tom Petty-inspired project titled *Keller Williams' PettyGrass*, which finds him performing select covers in a rollicking bluegrass style alongside eclectic bluegrass quintet The Hillbenders. The project began in 2015, when Williams put together a set of Petty covers for his annual hometown S.P.C.A. benefit, recording the rehearsals as voice memos on his phone. After Tom Petty's shocking passing last year, Williams and his longtime collaborator Jeff Covert enhanced these recordings and posted them as a tribute to the legend's legacy and inspiration. This year, Keller Williams will bring his PettyGrass project out on the road for the first time with The Hillbenders to perform select festival dates, including Redwood Ramble and FloydFest in July. These special performances will serve as a way to pay homage by bringing a new perspective to his time-honored songs.

**Stream the PettyGrass voice memos here:**  
<https://soundcloud.com/kellerwilliams/sets/pettygrass>

"There is nothing like a room full of people singing along to the same song. With his untimely passing, these songs have been pushed to the forefront of my mind and it seems like as good a time as any to celebrate, publicly, the music of Tom Petty. Luckily, The Hillbenders share my passion for this music and it just so happens that they are kick ass pickers who have amazing attention to detail. These Petty songs lend themselves quite easily to bluegrass and by the end of the night, the audience will more than likely be singing in harmony." – Keller Williams

Keller Williams has established a reputation as a creative force with his unmatched ability to collaborate and evolve in a career spanning more than 20 years. He has toured with bands such as The String Cheese Incident, Infamous Stringdusters, Yonder Mountain String Band, The Rhythm Devils and Umphrey's McGee, as well as his various and eclectic side projects. In early 2017, Williams released two new albums at the same time – the debut from his acoustic dance project KWahtro called *Sync*, as well as a collection of stripped-down solo acoustic material called *Raw*.

Joining Williams for his PettyGrass performances will be the genre-bending Springfield, MO ensemble The Hillbenders. The dynamic quintet is known for their ability to bridge the gap between popular music and more traditional bluegrass styles, infusing the genre with their varied influences.

For information about Keller Williams' projects, click [HERE](#).

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