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While the majority of Beatles tribute groups perform music from the years the band was together, **Afterfab** plays music from the all **The Beatles'** solo years. "It's the classic music Beatles fans have been missing," their web page says. Guitarist Ad Boc says the idea for the group was an easy one for him.

"I never wanted to cover Beatles songs because there's just something about the way they're so deeply imprinted in me. The solo works, though, seemed much more approachable, like another frontier, and there are so many great ones with Beatles magic in them."

The group consists of Boc on guitar and keyboard, Jonathan Paquin on lead vocal and percussion, Lauren Passarelli on guitar, Bryan Eyberg on keyboards, Mike Bishop on bass and Tom Evans on drums.

"Every Beatlemaniac wishes that The Beatles had stayed together, continued vetting each other's work, and distilled the best into new Beatles albums," Boc said. "We think of the solo songs as Beatles music, too. Based on that came the idea of a tribute to a band that never actually existed, except in the hearts of fans. Putting the solo catalogs together in one show seemed like a great way to celebrate The Beatles' 'second act' and to explore their continuing connection in spirit."

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"When I actually got to starting the band and researching heavily, I was surprised to find no one else doing it," said Boc. "Based on findings, I estimated that there are about 5000 Beatles group tributes. There are tributes to individual Beatles that also play the group songs. There are group tributes that tiptoe into solo stuff. No solo-Beatles tribute was found except for the occasional one-off show or short-lived side project."

The group started in 2012. In 2013, they rehearsed and began doing early gigs in bars and restaurants. In 2014, they moved up to performing arts theaters and concert clubs. They also added Lauren Passarelli, who said songs performed by the group now include "Instant Karma," "Devil's Radio," "Band on the Run," "Photograph" and "Watching the Wheels." (You can hear a sample of the group's work here.)

The band, based in Boston, will perform at Chelmsford Center for the Arts in downtown Chelmsford, Massachusetts at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31. Tickets are \$14 in advance through Brown Paper Tickets and \$15 at the door.

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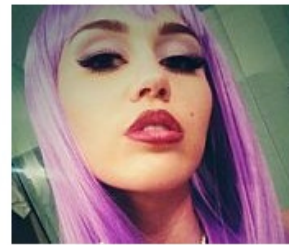
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