

Lush to reunite for gig in 2016

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Lush are to reunite for their first show since September 1996. The group are to play London's Roundhouse on Friday 6 May 2016. "The opportunities and practicalities of reforming Lush meant that [for 20 years it was an impossible undertaking](#)," said Miki Berenyi, the band's frontwoman. "But we all loved what we did, and the time is finally right for us to do it again."

The group's return has been a badly kept secret, with both bassist [Philip King](#) and guitarist [Emma Anderson](#) having dropped very broad hints on social media. Anderson recently asked on Facebook for recommendations for a small Brighton gig venue, perhaps suggesting the band will be playing small warm-up shows before taking to the Roundhouse's stage.

Lush formed in London in 1987, initially becoming successful as a "shoegaze" band. Their early releases, produced by [Robin Guthrie](#), bore a resemblance to Guthrie's band, the Cocteau Twins. For their final album, 1996's *Loveline*, they adopted a more straightahead direction, in keeping with Britpop, and the album produced three hit singles – Single Girl, Ladykillers and 500 (Shake Baby Shake).

The group stopped touring or recording in 1996, after drummer Chris Acland killed himself, though they did not announce their split until February 1998. Former Elastica drummer Justin Welch will join the group for the reunion.

Their return will be accompanied by reissued music. 4AD is to release a vinyl version of their compilation, *Ciao!*, in November, followed by a five-CD box set, *Chorus*. *Chorus* will include their early compilation, *Gala*, the studio albums *Spooky*, *Split* and *Loveline*, and the B-sides compilation *Topolino*, plus unreleased tracks.