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The Shoegazing Legend's Reunion Is Over

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Well, it was fun while it lasted. 1990s shoegaze legends [Lush](#) reformed last year with the core lineup of Miki Berenyi (vocals/guitar), Emma Anderson (guitar/vocals), and Phil King (bass), with former Elastica member Justin Welch stepping in for the late Chris Acland on drums. But last month Lush [announced that King had left the band](#). The band thus cancelled two shows and the future of the reunion was in question. Alas now Lush have posted a statement to [Twitter](#) announcing they are once again breaking up and have confirmed their final show. "It is now time for us to return to our families and homes, and bring our time together as a band to a close," the statement partly

reads. "We offer heartfelt thanks to all our fans-this reunion would never have happened without your overwhelming support and dedication." The full statement is below.

The band's final show will be on November 25 at the Manchester Academy in Manchester, England. Modern English bass player Michael Conroy will be filling in for King. The statement points out that like Welch, Conroy was also a close friend of Acland's.

In April Lush released a great new EP, *Blind Spot*, and the band's reunion shows in Europe and America have gotten rave reviews. The band had been planning to also record a new full-length album, but those plans appear to be over. Here's the full statement:

Read out [recent interview with Lush](#) on their reunion and *Blind Spot*. Also read [our review of the *Blind Spot* EP](#). Below is the video for "Out of Control," the single from *Blind Spot*, as well as the video for their classic song "Sweetness and Light."

Lush were one of the originators and main icons of the shoegazing genre, along with Slowdive, Ride, My Bloody Valentine, and Swervedriver (who have all reformed in recent years). Lush released three albums in the '90s, but split up after the 1996 suicide of Acland. Their final show was in Tokyo, Japan in September 1996.

Last year Lush also released *Chorus*, a box set collecting all their albums, as well as various B-sides, demos, radio sessions, remixes, and unreleased tracks. [Read our review of *Chorus* here](#).

Also read our two 2015 interviews with Berenyi and Anderson on their albums *Split* and *Lovelife*, in which they discussed the challenges of reforming. Also read [our 2007 interview with Berenyi](#), which at the time was her first interview in a decade, since Lush's breakup.

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