## Lush played Music Hall of Williamsburg, their first NYC show in 20 years (pics / setlist / video)

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**Lush** played Music Hall of Williamsburg last night which was their first NYC show in 20 years. I'm happy to report that the shoegaze/Britpop vets were really in top form and, apart from some jokes about the age of the crowd by **Miki Berenyi**, sounded very of the moment. They were also, appropriately, very very loud, which is a key feature of this kind of music. You need to feel it in your chest. The band kicked things off with one of their best, most popular songs, "De-Luxe," and with that Lush had everyone in their pocket the whole night.

The setlist was pretty hard to argue with, pulling from all their records, including "hits" like "Hypocrite," "For Love," "Ladykillers," and "Sweetness and Light," as well as deeper cuts, ethereal bliss-outs and a couple songs from their excellent new EP, *Blind Spot*. One of those, "Lost Boy," was played live for the first time last night and dedicated to Chris Acland, Lush's original drummer whose 1996 suicide ended the band. (Onetime Elastica drummer **Justin Welch** is behind the kit now.) We also got "Nothing Natural," one of *Spooky*'s finest cuts, which the band hadn't played live since 1993. Setlist is below.

It was an enthusiastic crowd — one dude was particularly so, shouting things like "NOW LET'S HEAR IT FOR PHIL!!!" between songs — and Miki in particular seemed chuffed and taken aback by their ardor. (Emma Anderson and Phil King let Miki do all the talking.) The only thing more I could've wanted was maybe punky early cut "Bitter" and the surprise announcement of "Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Jarvis Cocker" for "Ciao!" (which did not happen).

Lush play again tonight at Terminal 5 which is also with well-matched tourmate **Tamaryn**. Tickets are still available. We have a full set of pictures from the MHOW show in the gallery above (by P Squared Media), and some videos

from the show below.

## SETLIST: Lush @ Music Hall of Williamsburg 9/13/2016

De-Luxe

Breeze

Kiss Chase

Hypocrite

Lovelife

Thoughtforms

Light From a Dead Star

Undertow

Lit Up

Scarlet

Etheriel

**Nothing Natural** 

For Love

Out of Control

Ladykillers

Downer

Sweetness and Light

Encore:

Lost Boy

**Desire Lines** 

Encore 2:

Monochrome

Leaves Me Cold