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# Shawn Creamer of the Toronto rock band The Beauties says playing with the orchestra and Flash Lightnin' is “awesome.”



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Shawn Creamer of the Toronto rock band The Beauties

Next season's Orchestra London Red Hot Weekends concerts will be a thing of Beauties.

The two Londoners from hot Toronto rock band The Beauties will join forces with members of Flash Lightnin' and the orchestra for concerts celebrating the hits of CCR, The Band and The Rolling Stones.

"Jud (Ruhl) and I are the members of The Beauties that are part of this band," Shawn Creamer said Friday from Toronto. "It's awesome."

The shared Toronto lineup showcased their Stones show for Orchestra London and then mentioned the part-time blended band also did some other shows, including the ones featuring CCR and The Band hits.

"We're super excited about it," Creamer said. When you're 40 years old, you start to wonder are you going to get many opportunities for your musical career to grow. What a cool thing to be able to do with them."

Ruhl, with the Gandharvas, and Creamer, with Gaelforce and Grandeur, were both singers/guitarists on the London scene in the 1990s who have moved to Toronto.

The Beauties and Flash Lightnin' shows during the 2013-2014 season have the CCR hits Nov. 8-9, The Band including visits to that group's era as Ronnie Hawkins' Hawks on March 28-29, 2014, with the Stones hits wrapping up the season on May 16-17.

Joining Ruhl and Creamer and the Flash Lightnin' players in the all-star lineups is a keyboardist. It's either Jeff Heisholt of The Trews or Blue Rodeo's Michael Boguski.

Guests show up when the band plays these shows at Creamer's Dakota Tavern in Toronto — and there may be guests at the Orchestra London shows, too.

Opening the 2013-2014 Red Hot Weekends season is Grammy- and Juno-winner Alannah Myles, whose 1990 hit Black Velvet won her multiple awards. Myles is making her North American orchestral debut on Oct. 11-12.

Also guesting during the Red Hot Weekends season are Jim Witter, a mainstay of the 2012-2013 Weekends shows, and Canadian jazz crooner Matt Dusk, who has the Valentine Day weekend Feb. 14-15 dates.

Myles was in downtown London to play Rock the Park in 2010. She was continuing what was then an eight-year battle to recover from devastating injuries suffered in car and horse accidents and what she believes was failed chiropractic treatment.

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## IF YOU GO

**What:** Orchestra London Red Hot Weekends series for 2013-2014 season.

**When:** Oct. 11-12, Alannah Myles; Nov. 8-9, Members of The Beauties, Flash Lightnin' and guests (CCR); Dec. 13-14, Jim Witter (Christmas Rocks); Jan. 24-25, 2014 Jim Witter (1970s's songwriters); Feb. 14-15, Matt Dusk; March 28-29, The Beauties, Flash Lightnin', guests (The Band); May 16-17, The Beauties, Flash Lightnin', guests (Rolling Stones).

**Details:** Series tickets, adults, \$231-\$378; students, \$126, till April 30. After that, adults, \$238-\$388.50, students, \$129.85.(Prices plus applicable charges). Visit [orchestralondon.ca](http://orchestralondon.ca) or call 519-679-8778.

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