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Bandit Lites Joins Beer

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That Little Ol' Band from Texas has come out with a new album, and they are now out on the road. The "Beer Drinkers and Hell Raisers Tour" opened on April 25, 2003. In 34 years, ZZ Top has had plenty of time to perfect their uniquely American sound that is deeply rooted in the blues. Known for memorable and elaborate stage shows, ZZ Top, in a stunning departure from the norm, has a stage that has taken a turn toward the minimalist look. Two men, one drummer and lights...lots of lights.

This stage show is all about the lighting. Chris Stuba (pictured) is the man in charge of creating the lighting design for the tour and Bandit Lites is pleased to have been asked to assist. The highlight of the design is the use of 22 brand new High End Systems x.Spot® Xtreme fixtures. The rig consists of seven loaded trusses. The mid and downstage trusses each contain seven of the new x.Spots and 14 HES Studio Beams. The trusses located at the stage left and stage right position are hung with two x.Spots and four Studio Beams each, with the remainder of the x.Spots and Studio Beams located on the stage itself. There are 16 HES Cyberlights located on a curving upstage truss. In addition to the vast quantity of moving head fixtures, there are two trusses that contain static fixtures. The show is run from two WholeHog consoles with wings.

"It is an honor and privilege to be associated with such a legendary act as ZZ Top. The band as well as production staff is of the highest caliber and we look forward to a very bright future working with ZZ worldwide," said Michael Golden, Bandit Lites' vice president. The tour began in North America and has moved across the Atlantic to cover Europe, where Bandit Lites London is tasked with continuing the seamless transition between continents. The band returns to North America in late August, continuing through to December.

Bandit Lites Supplied Gear:

22 - x.Spot Xtreme
34 - Studio Beam PC
17 - Cyberlight Litho

8 - ETC Source Four Lekos
 6 - Monster 9-Lite
 33 - 6 Lampbar
 2 - ETC 72-Way
 2 - WholeHog II Consoles with Wings
 29 - 3E CM Motor

Lighting Designer: Chris Stuba
 Bandit Technician: Jeff Archibeque

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