



Red Hot Chili Peppers Light Up the Stage on Saturday Night Live Instrument Lighting Application

The Red Hot Chili Peppers is a highly acclaimed funk-rock band known not only for its music, but for putting on unforgettable shows with spectacular and stimulating visual elements. Once appearing with light bulbs on their heads at Woodstock '94, the Chili Peppers displayed a more innovative form of lighting during their May 6, 2006 performance on *Saturday Night Live*.



With the help of CeeLite and Pearl Drums, the Chili Peppers were able to dazzle an audience of millions with their one-of-a-kind light-up drum set. Once an instrument hidden in the background, it came to the forefront during their *SNL* performance after being wrapped with CeeLite's flat, flexible Light Emitting Capacitor (LEC) panels. These panels, which can be programmed to dim, fade, and flash, are compatible with DMX Protocol in order to create full-scale, interactive lighting shows at a concert or nightclub.



"We are thrilled that Pearl Drums used our LEC technology for Chad Smith's drums of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. It created a light show effect no one had seen before," said Michael Binder, Senior Vice President, Business Development for CeeLite. "This is a truly unique application, and one we feel will transform the music industry."

The Chad Smith drum set, with the revolutionary CeeLite luminescent finish, is a Pearl Masters Series MRX drum set which features 6 ply 7.5 mm 100% aged maple shells with chrome hardware. MRX provides a very flexible sound for any type of music offering a great blend of attack and low end presence.

Chad's Pearl drums used a Flatline Inverter which shone at 25% brightness throughout the duration of the set. When the drums were struck, the brightness increased to 100% and decreased back down to 25%. Flash durations also ranged from 0.2 to 0.4 seconds in order for the illumination to be in sync with 1/16 and 1/32 drum rolls.

CeeLite panels are comprised of an LEC structure with higher quality SYLVANIA phosphors sandwiched between a series of electrodes. The application of AC voltage generates a changing field within the phosphors which causes the phosphors to emit light.

These panels can be used for both indoor and outdoor use, including signage, tradeshow exhibits, portable flooring and, as the Red Hot Chili Peppers demonstrated, CeeLite panels can be used even on drums.

"We are excited about the many dynamic application possibilities CeeLite LEC technology presents, not only for drum sets, but for a wide range of Pearl products," said Gene Okamoto, Pearl Product Manager.

With the help of CeeLite and Pearl Drums, the Red Hot Chili Peppers can play "Under the Bridge," even on the darkest of nights.

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