



Saint Etienne, a UK band, is ending after 35 years. They mix dance and folk music. They have a strong friendship and want to stop while still popular.



Bob Stanley thought about ending the band. The band members live far apart, making it hard to meet.



The band's last album, "International," is out in September. It has many famous artists. They want to celebrate their British music style.



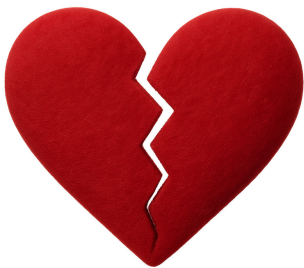
Stanley thinks pop music is less important now. Music used to change fast, but now it takes longer. It's also less central to people's identities.



The band began with a cover song, using British pop and TV samples. They explored new sounds and wore fun outfits on TV to be different.



They stayed away from Britpop, had a hit with "He's On the Phone", and turned down a song that was a hit for Cher. They liked trying new music styles.



The song "The Last Time" was emotional for Sarah Cracknell. The band is proud of their friendship and bond.



Pete is making music for a film. Bob is writing books. Sarah is unsure about the future but values their friendship.