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The Meatbats are a throwback band.

~Chad Smith

For live you need a microphone for the snare and the high hat, the kick drum, a nice stereo overhead and one for the toms - you can get away with using four mikes.

~Chad Smith

Music doesn't solve your problems..but allows you to dance all over them

~Chad Smith

Playing along with records is key. And as far as equipment goes it has gotten so much more affordable and the drum sets are of great quality. I play Pearl; their Export Series is great for a beginner.

~Chad Smith

I just try to approach and serve the music in the way that I think is right for the band I'm in at the time.

~Chad Smith

I just love to play and I get a chance to play with other musicians and I jump on it.

~Chad Smith

We always feel pretty creative as far as writing songs. We write them together; we just get in a room, or on occasion in Flea's garage. We just sort of improvise, like jazz musicians.

~Chad Smith

In some of the L.A. clubs, people can act too cool to get into your music. That can get to be a bit much.

~Chad Smith

I'm a little more of a lead instrument in the Meatbats.

~Chad Smith

I feel like in order to challenge yourself you have to get out of and do things that feel wrong at first and find new things. It's important to look for those things.

~Chad Smith

Jazz can be so serious, no sense of humor.

~Chad Smith

Flea and Anthony are into funk, like old school Meters and stuff like that.

~Chad Smith

Cardiff Stadium was a warm up for the 3 Hyde Park shows. James Brown opened. And I think it may be the only time we played Mini Epic live.

~Chad Smith

Edible names are what drives me as a musician. My next band will be called the Hot Dogs.

~Chad Smith

I'm being a dad and a good husband.

~Chad Smith

Sometimes one of us will have a riff or a bass line from home but it really gels when we come together. We really have a strong special chemistry that we take advantage of when we get together.

~Chad Smith

Family time is really important to me.

~Chad Smith

I'm a musician. It's what I do! I wouldn't be too good at anything else. ~Chad Smith

Its very sort of spontaneous and organic, not a preconceived sort of jamming. Now we record everything, cause sometimes you'll forget, you know, 'what was that thing again?' So we record everything.

~Chad Smith

The juxtaposition of words - the color, feeling, and sound of the words together - has as much to do with the story as the narrative itself does. ~Chad Smith

Going up north with the redwoods and driving along the coast, it's got everything, man. It's got the desert, the mountains, and the ocean. It's beautiful.

~Chad Smith

People who come up to me are drummers or fans of the band. I don't get it too much, but I'll be somewhere and someone will have me take a picture or something.

~Chad Smith

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