

James Iha

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There is a lot of work just in terms of traveling and logistics and people and gear and all that kind of stuff. But I never really have problems playing music. That never seems like work.

~James Iha

I started a recording studio. I started producing people and doing remixes.

~James Iha

We have a partnership deal with New Line Records, which is part of New Line Cinema, and... I worked on that.

~James Iha

I suppose listening to a double album is kind of like going to the chiropractor... It's pretty good for you but you can't force it on anyone else.

~James Iha

I live most of the time in New York now. I have an apartment there.

~James Iha

Well, I'm pretty domestic actually. I walk my dog. I go grocery shopping. I hang out with friends. I'm pretty normal, whatever normal is, on my off time.

~James Iha

Even from a listening end now, I'm still completely a fan of music.

~James Iha

Musicians always come off sounding a little bit pretentious, and a little bit... I don't know, hypocritical, from what they do, talking about strong issues.

~James Iha

No, I've heard over the years that it's nice for them to see somebody who's like, you know, a well-known successful musician who's Asian. I've heard it from a few musicians, too.

~James Iha

I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago.

~James Iha

I love a lot of the New York bands, but Patti Smith stands out. I just read 'Just Kids' and it's an inspirational, well-written account of an emerging New York artist in the late seventies.

~James Iha

I mean I like pop music, and I like heavy music and, stuff that I like... the band I've signed on to our label right now; they're called The Sounds. They're kind of like a new-wave pop band.

~James Iha

Well, I always hope that I'm a role model.

~James Iha

All the bands I've played with have had dynamic front men.

~James Iha

My first job in NYC was playing a gig in the early nineties at CBGBs.

~James Iha

I think if you're able to make the music you want and you can do it in the right kind of context, you don't have to be a circus ringleader to be successful.

~James Iha

I like the challenges of doing different things. It keeps things fresh for me.

~James Iha

I'm happy doing different things. Being in a band is great, but being in a band can be difficult sometimes.

~James Iha

All of the music works on its own, but it doesn't really make as much sense without the picture.

~James Iha

It's hard enough to make a good song and a good recording of that song. But to try to tailor it to some outside force is just like - It's never been a factor in what I've done or what the band's done.

~James Iha

If you put all the songs together that I've written on band records, and put it up next to my solo record, there's definitely a different kind of feel than Billy's songs.

~James Iha

Composing is just another exciting thing. It's as exciting as being in a band. It's kind of like joining a new band for three months.

~James Iha

It's great working with directors and with somebody else's vision.

~James Iha

I'd like to keep doing film and TV, and I definitely can appreciate a good theme song. If it's memorable, that's a great thing.

~James Iha

It's much easier to work on other people's music and play in other people's bands as a guitar player instead of being the main songwriter and singer. That's a really big job to do that.

~James Iha

I play and I've played in heavy bands, but when I write for myself, I don't particularly feel like writing huge rock riffs. It just doesn't work for me and my voice.

~James Iha

I like a lot of different kinds of music. I like strong projects, big music.

~James Iha

Yeah, I'm sure there are stereotypes of Asian people.

~James Iha

The band set up in January and just started rehearsing. If there was a song, we'd just rehearse it as a band, and it would get arranged as a band, and it got changed around a lot.

~James Iha

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