



2 Chainz

Table Mountain Concert Series Presented by Modelo Especial, Toyota and Valero

It's going to be a vibe on Saturday, October 14 as 2 Chainz takes over the Paul Paul Theater stage at the 2023 Big Fresno Fair for the Table Mountain Concert Series presented by Modelo Especial, Toyota and Valero!

2 Chainz, the multi-platinum, Grammy Award®-winning MC first made his mark when he broke out of Atlanta as a founding member of the duo, Playaz Circle. Their rap-R&B-pop crossover hit "Duffle Bag Boy" featuring Lil' Wayne, released on the *DTP (Disturbing Tha Peace)* with Def Jam label, sent shock waves across the hip-hop universe in 2007. 2 Chainz' solo career began that same year with the release of his first mixtape.

Chainz capitalized on his notoriety with the back-to-back mixtapes *Codeine Withdrawal* (2010), and *Codeine Cowboy* (2011). His 2011 mixtape *T.R.U. REALigion* mined downloads in the millions. The outspoken rapper had established a new sphere of influence.

2 Chainz' name was on everyone's lips in 2012, when he stole a verse on "Mercy," from fellow Def Jam artist Kanye West's RIAA triple-platinum No. 1 R&B / No. 1 Rap hit from *Cruel Summer*. In August 2012, Chainz arrived as a Def Jam solo artist with *Based On A T.R.U. Story*, his Platinum debut album, which entered the charts at No. 1. Its success was fueled by the platinum No. 1 "No Lie" featuring Drake, the double-platinum "Birthday Song" featuring Kanye West, and double-platinum "I'm Different." "Mercy" was subsequently a Grammy® nominee for Best Rap Song and Best Rap Performance, while *B.O.A.T.S.* was nominated for Best Rap Album. 2 Chainz' dominance was extended when the sequel, *B.O.A.T.S. II: Me Time* entered the hip-hop chart at No. 1 in September 2013, and spun off the gold single, "Feds Watching" featuring Pharrell.

2 Chainz went on to release mixtapes in 2016 and in 2017, where he released his first solo album in four years, the RIAA platinum No. 1 *Pretty Girls Like Trap Music*. The album nettled over two billion streams, three consecutive multi-platinum hits and accompanied by a 35-city tour of North America. Chainz' went on to release back-to-back albums in 2018 and 2019 and in 2020, returned to the front line with "Money Maker" featuring Lil Wayne from his fifth solo album, *So Help Me God*.

2 Chainz' cultural impact continues to flourish. His indie record label *T.R.U. (The Real University)*, featuring Skooly, Cap.1, Fresh, and C White celebrated its fifth anniversary in 2020. In addition to music, his wildly popular tv show "Most Expensivest" on VICELAND wrapped up its third season in 2019. His "Chain Reaction" sneaker collaboration with Versace hit stores in the spring 2018, and was their most popular shoe of the year. His cannabis brand, GAS Cannabis Co. is available throughout



California. His *Crate Talk* interview series (on his YouTube channel, part of YouTube Music's short-form video mini-series project), which premiered in March 2019, invited guests to discuss the power of education and entrepreneurship over a game of SELF (instead of HORSE) on a basketball court in Atlanta.

2 Chainz Highlights

- 2012 | BET Hip-Hop Award for Best New Hip-Hop Artist
- 2012 | Bet Hip-Hop Award for Sweet 16: Best Feature Verse for "Mercy"
- 2012 | Bet Hip-Hop Award for People's Champ
- 2012 | Soul train Music Award for Rhythm & Bars Award for "Mercy"
- 2012 & 2013 | BET Hip-Hop Award for Best Collab, Duo or Group
- 2013 & 2017 | BET Award for Best Collaboration
- 2017 | Grammy Award for Best Rap Performance
- 2019 | NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Soundtrack/Compilation for *Black Panther*

2 Chainz – Saturday, October 14 @ 7 p.m. – \$55, \$45, \$35