

Following his run as founding member of Def Jam duo Playaz Circle out of his native Atlanta, 2 Chainz' name was on everyone's lips in 2012, when he stole a verse on "Mercy," fellow Def Jam artist Kanye West/G.O.O.D. Music's RIAA triple-platinum #1 R&B/#1 Rap hit (from Cruel Summer). Four months later, Chainz arrived as a Def Jam solo artist with Based On A T.R.U. Story, his debut album of August 2012. B.O.A.T.S. entered Soundscan at #1 and was certified RIAA gold, fueled by the RIAA platinum "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. Chainz followed up with B.O.A.T.S. II: ME TIME (September 2013), extending Chainz' dominance, entering the Soundscan hip-hop chart at #1, and spinning off the RIAA gold single, "Feds Watching" featuring Pharrell.

In 2016 brought it back to his essence with a series of mixtapes that dominated the streets – Felt Like Cappin, Daniel Son; Necklace Don and Hibachi for Lunch. On top of the mixtapes, he also released the lauded collaborative album ColleGrove with hip hop luminary Lil Wayne. Critics agreed, 2 Chainz conquered 2016 with the New York Times proclaiming "all hail our greatest punch line rapper, 2 Chainz."

With momentum on his side, 2 Chainz will release his first solo album since 2013, Pretty Girls Like Trap Music in 2017.