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INTERVIEW: MATT & KIM

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**You recently released your 11th studio album, *Commonwealth*, after more than 20 years as a band. How do you guys continue to stay engaged with making new music and in turn ensure your sound remains as fresh and relevant as possible?**

**Chris Murphy:** Well, one of the things we did early on was have all of us be the writers. I was the principle writer at first, and I guess over the course of our career we've released about 200 songs, but I couldn't have done it myself. I think it's a good thing we all write and are a band that splits the writing duties equally. In terms of the problem of keeping it fresh, at the rate we put out records, I don't have to come up with much. If we put out a 12 song record, I'd say I'd write about a song and a half a year, so it's not crazy. But we all enjoy writing. As for staying relevant, we don't even really know how to do that, so we don't care. We just kind of do whatever we want and entertain ourselves.