

Chris Pratt

Dishes on How He's a Diva, Why He Refuses Photos with Fans, Having to Disappoint People, His Weight Loss and Guardians 2

ON why he refuses photos with fans:

PRATT: "I've always been a pretty deferential, go-with-the-flow guy. But now I have to be economical with my time. If I go out and want to do normal things, I have to be comfortable disappointing people. So, I just don't take pictures with people. Because that's not about enjoying the moment; it's about stealing the moment to brag about later. So I say, 'Would you settle for a handshake?' And, then they take the picture anyway."

ON what he misses about life before fame:

PRATT: "It's tough sometimes, the amount of management you need to do on things you used to do spontaneously. What I really miss is sitting down and talking to strangers who don't know me, so we can discover each other. I'd say the majority of people I meet have an idea about me before they meet me. There's something nice to being able to surprise somebody."

ON why he'll keep off the weight he lost for Zero Dark Thirty:

PRATT: "I've learned not to overestimate how deep the audience is—that, as an actor, a big part of it is looking as good as you can."

ON a memorable encounter with Barbra Streisand and Jim Carrey:

PRATT: "There was this moment when I was at a party and Barbra Streisand and Jim Carrey both came up to me to tell me they loved what I'd done. Streisand asked me, 'How does it feel? You're this year's big thing.' Jim Carrey told me the same thing. That was when those people stopped being my icons, and became my peers."

ON the positives of fame and giving back:

PRATT: "What's really fulfilling is if I go to a Ronald McDonald House and spend some time there. I give a kid 15 minutes when he's not thinking about the fact that he's terminally ill, or take a sibling aside and spend a few minutes with them and give them a bit of distraction from what's going on in their family. Those are hard things to deal with. I walk out after and I feel great. To me, that's what feels good about the fame and success. The rest of it feels just north of exciting."

ON dreams for the future and fighting animals:

PRATT: "I want to do a comedy. I want to flex my muscles as a collaborator, so that I have more creative control. I want to catch a world-record large-mouth bass—a 25 pounder. I'd love it if my son became a professional bass fisherman and I was his sponsor, and we could go fishing together everyday. That would be awesome. Oh, and I'd like to fight an animal in self-defense." ■

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