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Brotha Ric, Bluesman and Entertainer

BROTHA RIC PEEKS IN THE DOOR

By SEEDERMAN

MADISON, AL Third generation delta bluesman, Brotha Ric Patton, who regularly brings the house down on his extraordinarily entertaining Periscopes, paid a low-key visit to Kermit and Friends today, appearing with some of his Blues VIPs in time to catch Christopher Dick's meltdown video. As Ric put it, "I was lookin' in the back door. They didn't see me, but I was there"

Actually, sharp-eyed fans of the entertainer spotted him immediately in the chat room. As any seasoned Kermit and Friends viewer knows, the chat room can be a hellride for the

uninitiated, and Chris Dick uncensored can be even worse. However, Brotha Ric seemed amused by the festivities, if a little bewildered, and graced us with his presence for a good length of time.

For those who have never seen Brotha Ric on Periscope, he is the epitome of the kind of undiscovered talent one can find in the social media age. A frequent street performer who enjoys a glass of wine as he plays some improvised and classic blues songs on guitar and mouth harp, Ric is the consummate entertainer warm, friendly, funny, a little salty, and a gifted musician with real soul. He has been seen on one episode of the Kermit and Friends show, in a DNN clip, talking about the monkey who visited him. The viewers loved him instantly. One can only hope that one day he'll join host Elisa Jordana on camera and mix it up with some of the regulars. Brotha Ric maintains his own

website with Periscope information at www.alabamabluesman.com

LINGUINI AND THE DICK ARE HERE AND GONE

By PHOEBE CAULFIELD

FEDERAL WAY, WA Blink and you would have missed it. One of the evening's most anticipated show-downs, that of ratings powerhouse Kermit and Friends vs. the untested pairing of unemployed ranter Creepy Chris Dick and comic dealer and provocateur Jimmy Linguini, turned out to be an ephemeral moment indeed. Minutes after the largely

X-rated webcast ended, the show was deleted. Speculation arose that Spreecast might have deleted the program, as it has deleted several Kleenex appearances during the day on Monday. However, Linguini's main squeeze Lady M confirmed that it was producer Linguini himself who insisted upon its deletion.

Elisa Jordana, under pressure to perform well, exceeded expectations with a professionally delivered, solid show. Not every bit worked, not every element was in place, but fans of the show seemed quite satisfied with the evening's content, with one viewer remarking "it reminded me

of the old show before Chris, only a lot better". While praise for the Kermit show was not universal, with some mixed reviews for interim co-host, ventriloquist Kyle C. French and some carping about long segments, there appeared to be a sense of palpable relief among the audience and even some appreciation for French's unusual role on the show today.

Crazy Chris also made a surprise appearance tonight on a surprise Spreecast, hosted by cougar therapist Rhonda Findling. This show was also received well, and the Lovesick Lothario put his charm on display for

Elisa Jordana, who was among the spectators in chat. It is safe to say that even if Chris the Cad has indeed been severed from his role as Kermit co-host, his new life online is only just beginning.



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