

YouTuber Turned Touring Musician Plays Alongside Chris Jericho, Dino Cazares, and More Rock and Roll Icons

Peruvian Artist Charlie Parra del Riego Is Set for a Summer of Tours with Saratoga and Kuarantine



Los Angeles, CA (April 11th) - Hailing from Lima, Peru, [Charlie Parra del Riego](#) is a touring musician who's played alongside some of the biggest names in metal and rock and roll, including Chris Jericho, Dino Cazares, Michael Angelo Batio, El Estepario Siberiano, and Spanish heavy metal band Saratoga. Coming from hardships and struggles in his early life, as he was diagnosed with ADHD and kicked out of school at a young age, Charlie bounced back in his personal and professional life by embracing music. After his diagnosis, his therapist suggested he try playing the electric guitar to improve his skills and grades, which led to Charlie to form his own band, [Difonia](#), in 2003 to play in the underground hardcore punk circuit.

Charlie has a particularly interesting 'claim to fame' as he began creating videos as a YouTuber in 2008 (long before the term "YouTuber" even existed), and went viral with

his video "[Punk VS Metal](#)", which now has 10 million views to date. From there, Charlie was given the opportunity to join the Canadian band "Kobra and the Lotus" supporting Steel Panther, Sonata Arctica, and Fear Factory around Europe, the UK, the U.S., and Canada.

"I'm definitely no doctor or anything but before the guitar, everything was pretty bland, almost superficial and empty. After guitar, there was a purpose, goals, and feel. Couldn't be more grateful for how these six strings brought so many awesome people, blessings, fans, and experiences (the good, the bad, the ugly, and the awesome). I never thought I would ever go to play guitar in other countries until I actually did." -*Charlie Parra del Riego*

Del Riego continued his career by joining the Peruvian band M.A.S.A.C.R.E, which supported Testament, Accept, Sepultura, and Judas Priest, along with pursuing his solo work, releasing original music this year, including "[TIEMPO](#)" "[SIGMA](#)", featuring Dino Cazares, and "[Pulsar](#)" ft Michael Angelo Batio, and supporting iconic musicians such as Slash, The Cult, Mr Big, Angra throughout his career. He was able to perform in Hellfest (France) in 2015 and worked for video game companies such as Capcom (producing music for Street Fighter 30th Anniversary Collection), Activision (producing music for "Duke Nukem 3D 30th Anniversary) and Blizzard (performing in Mexico, France and Germany for video game releases).

Charlie was also given the opportunity to play alongside wrestling legend and Fozzy frontman Chris Jericho's band [Kuarantine](#) when Chris wrote Charlie an Instagram direct message asking him to join the group after watching his videos. Kuarantine will be on tour this summer on July 5th in Chesterfield MI at the Diesel Concert Lounge, on July 6th in Franklin OH at JD Legends, and on July 7th Warrendale PA at Jergel's.

"Playing with Chris has been out of this world so far. Getting to play in a band with members of Fozzy, Trixter, and Luke Bryan, and meeting wrestling legends does not happen every day. Fact is, I'm still surprised I'm getting to play in the same band with the guy I picked in video games and watch on TV." -*Charlie Parra del Riego*

Influenced by the likes of Slash, Vinnie Vincent, Eddie Van Halen, and Randy Rhoads, Charlie's music has an anthemic, action-influenced sound. It's no surprise his discography possesses such a diverse, nostalgic feeling, and has accompanied many different video games across the U.S.

He will be on [tour](#) with Saratoga this summer across California on June 7th in Santa Ana at The Yost, June 8th in Los Angeles at Leonardos, and June 9th in San Francisco at Roccapulco. Be sure to catch him at a live show to experience an unforgettable night.

"Guitar is a way of life, almost a religion but all the way around, it's a global language and community that (most of the time) brings people from all over the world together. Music is life, love, attitude, sadness, anger... music is everything." -*Charlie Parra del Riego*

About Charlie Parra del Riego

Born in Lima, Peru in 1985, Charlie Parra del Riego found his love for electric guitar when he was 15 after a therapist suggested to his family that he should play guitar to improve his skills and school grades after being diagnosed with ADHD and kicked out of school. This led to starting his own band "Difonia" in 2003 and playing in the underground hardcore punk circuit.

Influenced by the likes of Slash, Vinnie Vincent, Eddie Van Halen, and Randy Rhoads, he started his YouTube channel in 2008 to show his friends some instrumentals of his own even before the term "YouTuber" existed, going viral with "[Punk VS Metal](#)" (10 million views to date).

He has been a crucial part of many iconic rock and roll bands including Canadian band Kobra and the Lotus, and Peruvian band M.A.S.A.C.R.E, as well as pursuing a solo career that led him to release original music, supporting Slash, The Cult, Mr Big, and Angra. Charlie has performed at Hellfest (France) in 2015 and worked for several video game companies such as Capcom (producing music for Street Fighter 30th Anniversary Collection), Activision (producing music for "Duke Nukem 3D 30th Anniversary), and Blizzard (performing in Mexico, France, and Germany for video game releases).

In 2016, he started focusing on his online content and added video game covers to his uploads. From 2017 to 2018 due to exhaustion, substance abuse, and physical and mental health issues, Charlie stopped touring and uploading videos until getting proper help.

In 2019, Charlie performed a guitar solo during the opening ceremony of the Pan Am Games in the National Stadium of Lima, Peru that was streamed worldwide. By 2021, he released his second signature model with Kramer Guitars USA: Vanguard Charlie Parra Signature. He is currently touring with power metal band Saratoga around Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Peru and soon the U.S., and recently performed in the cancer research fundraiser "Kiss Cancer Goodbye" with Todd Kerns (Slash and The Conspirators) in Sarasota, FL.

His current releases include "[TIEMPO](#)" "[SIGMA](#)", featuring Dino Cazares, and "[Pulsar](#)" ft Michael Angelo Batio, and he will be on [tour](#) this summer with Saratoga, playing shows across California in Santa Ana, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, and with Chris Jericho's [Kuarantine](#), playing shows in Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

For more information on Charlie Parra del Riego, please visit

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