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Daniels' Microphone Goes Dead During Show

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -- Jeff Daniels called it a classic "Dumb & Dumber" moment. During a live broadcast of Country Music Television's video awards show Monday, Daniels was performing a takeoff of Bob Dylan's 1965 "Subterranean Homesick Blues" film clip, arguably the first music video, when his microphone went dead.

Viewers saw a stagehand walk out and replace the microphone while Daniels kept going with his act, in which he played a guitar and did a humorous monologue by stringing together the titles of popular country songs.

"I could hear it through the monitors, but then I see all the people who were going along with it, and they're just sitting there," said Daniels, who starred with Jim Carrey in the 1994 comedy film "Dumb & Dumber."

"All of a sudden here comes the stage manager. I'm going, 'OK, at least it wasn't my fault.' It was a 'Dumb & Dumber' moment."

Daniels, 50, whose screen credits also include "Terms of Endearment" and "The Purple Rose of Cairo," was able to finish his act with the new microphone. He shrugged off the incident as part of live television.

"Things go wrong onstage," he said. "That's happened in the theater before, and the audience pulls for you. They don't want it to collapse and be embarrassing."