

# CHEF GIANTS



## **A friendship is strained when two hungry goblins behold and scold the great chef giants.**

Two goblin bandmates – Luther and The Boy – visit an outdoor diner run by the famous chef giants. Praising the giants' tasty dishes, The Boy can't wait to stuff food in his mouth. Luther, however, feels the chef giants don't deserve such praise; their health code violations being totally unacceptable.



## Film Information

**Title:** Chef Giants

**Country of Production:** United States

**Running Time:** 1 minute 16 seconds

## Festival Screenings

Slamdance Film Festival (2021)

Sidewalk Film Festival (2020)

FilmQuest (2020)

Rhode Island International Film Festival (2020)

Jelly Film Festival (2021)

Portland Comedy Film Festival (2020)

Fantoche International Film Festival (2020)

Animation Block (2020)

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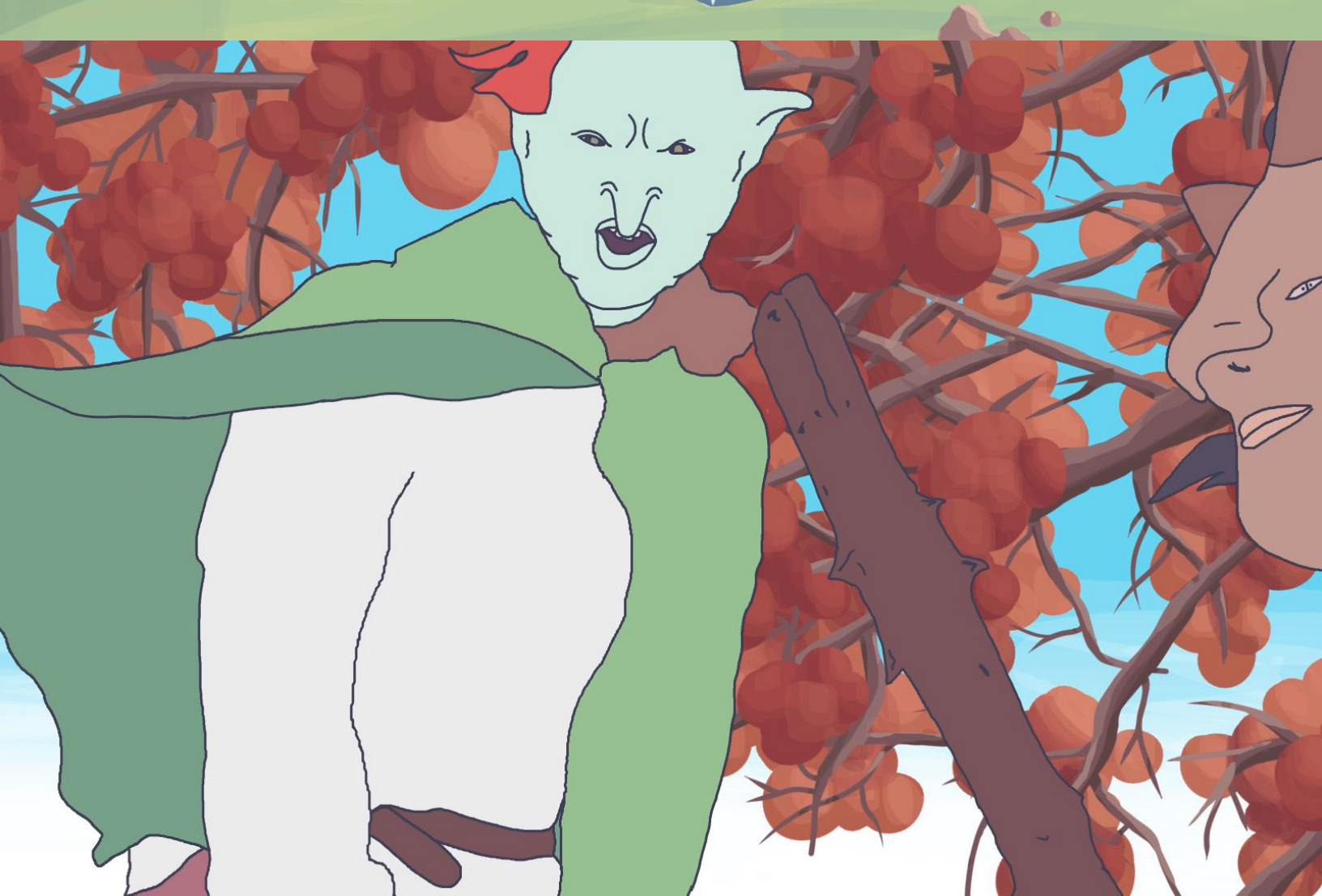
[Online Trailer](#)

[Director's Instagram](#)

[Co-creator's Instagram](#)







## Filmmakers' Statement

"Hey, Troy. What if we made a goblin band?"

Well, Troy liked the idea – so we made a goblin band. Popular fantasy tends to dismiss goblins as nameless cannon-fodder, and we wanted to change that.

"Hey, Ethan. What if we filmed a music video for our band?"

Well, Ethan liked the idea – so we donned goblin masks and filmed a live-action music video.

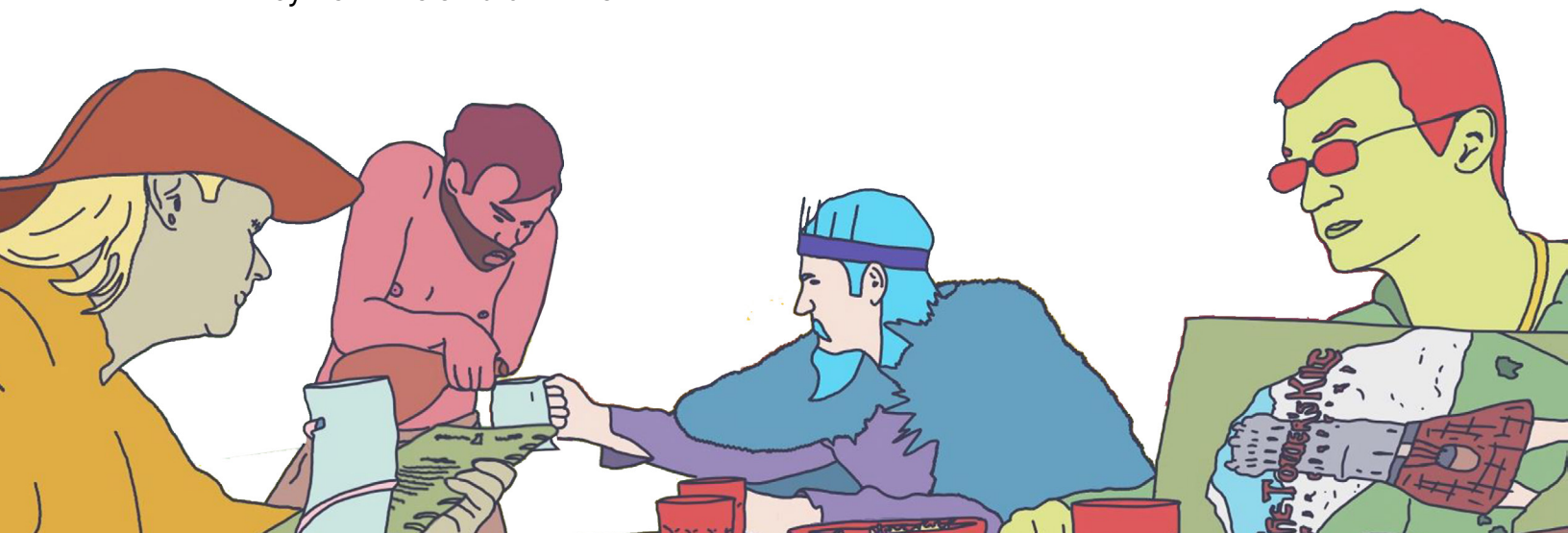
Then both of us said, "What if we made this into an animated series?"

And so it was that we 'painted over' our music video with rotoscoped characters and vibrant backgrounds. Through this process, we stumbled into the perfect art style for our bizarre world of goblins, devils, satyrs, and elves.

With everything going on today, maybe it's not so bad to kick back and watch dimwitted fantasy creatures bicker about chef giants (all set to music, of course). It's our intention that **Chef Giants** makes audiences smile and escape – if just for a moment – into a world they've never quite seen before.

*Chef Giants is a musical proof-of-concept for the full series pitch, Gobble. An irreverent animated comedy, Gobble follows the misadventures of two cave goblins as they attempt to become pop stars on a surface world that much prefers they didn't.*

Troy DeWinne & Ethan Dirks



## Troy DeWinne

Co-creator | Director | Character Animator



Troy DeWinne is a director, animator, writer and alumnus of the University of Texas at Austin radio-television-film program. In 2018, he directed *Boys' Club*. This dark comedy short film was an official selection in several prestigious festivals – such as Overlook Film Festival, Brussels International Film Festival, Nashville Film Festival, and deadCENTER Film Festival.

## Ethan Dirks

Co-creator | Background Artist | Music Producer

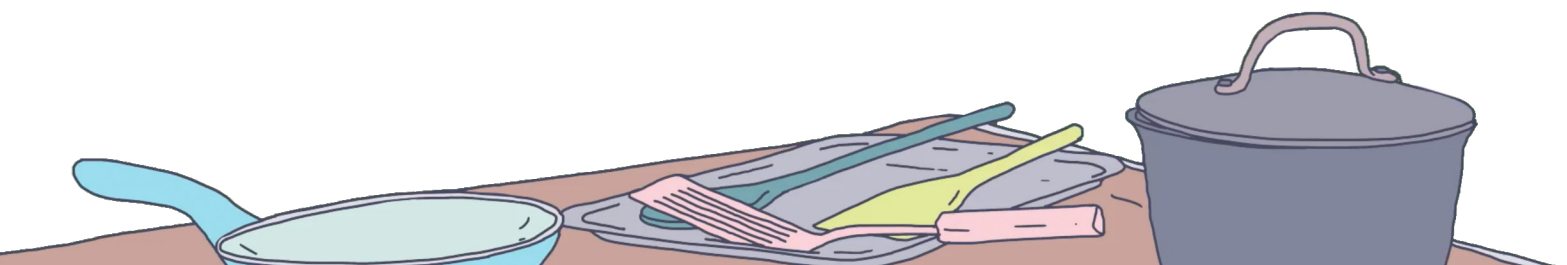


Ethan Dirks is an art director, designer, and game developer with experience working on many diverse projects. In 2016 he co-founded the streaming startup *Plot Guru* – covered by Popular Science, Business Insider, and Wired – and named one of Austin's top startups to watch by Built In Austin.



**John Jackson** Director of Photography

Collaborator John Jackson is a video and photo artist living in Austin, Texas. Since filming the live-action performances for *Chef Giants*, he remains excited to see it develop in post-production, bringing smiles to new audiences.





## Cast

**Luther** – Ethan Dirks  
**The Boy** – Troy DeWinne  
**Pirate Shanty** – Joshua Petty  
**Red Boy** – Troy DeWinne  
**King Chilled** – Robert Praetorius Jr  
**Greenery Green** – Austin Stubbs  
**Horned Fatale** – Nancy Perez  
**Devil Eggard** – Jonathan Butkovsky  
**Elven Lad** – Adam Dirks  
**Purp Booty** – Zach Turner

## Crew

**Director** – Troy DeWinne  
**Director of Photography** – John Jackson  
**Music Producer** – Ethan Dirks  
**Character Animator** – Troy DeWinne  
**Background Artist** – Ethan Dirks

***Chef Giants*** Song  
Written and Performed by  
Luther and The Boy





## **Chef Giants is only a taste – check out *Gobble*, our series pitch bible!**

Follow Luther and The Boy as they piss off wizards,  
quest for mystical drugs – and despite being just  
lowly goblins – attempt to become the most famous  
pop stars the surface world has ever known.

[www.gobbleshow.com](http://www.gobbleshow.com)



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