

CHEF TALENT



Andrew Gruel, a graduate of Johnson & Wales University, is currently the CEO and Founder of Slapfish Restaurant Group, the award-winning food truck turned international brick and mortar, based out of Huntington Beach, CA as well as Raw Bar by Slapfish. He is also Co-Owner of Butterleaf Restaurant and Two Birds Chicken, two concepts in Irvine, CA.

Gruel has always had flair for creating mouth watering food that also has an innately healthy spin. With seafood as his focus, he can optimize nutrition to create amazing meals for the entire family.

Andrew has appeared on multiple television series including his most recent role as a judge on Food Network's "Chopped Junior." He was recently the Host of FYI Series "Say It To My Face", as well as a judge on Food Network's "Food Truck Face Off." He has made appearances on the TODAY show, PBS, Cooking Channel, and has been featured in numerous publications including The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Men's Health, Food & Wine magazine, USA Today, Entrepreneur and Nation's Restaurant News. In 2016 and 2017, he was named Top 25 Business Executives for Fast Casual magazine as well as featured in Nation's Restaurant News' 2017 Power List. In 2013 he was named top 40 under 40 entrepreneurs in Orange County. He is currently the Co-Host of The SoCal Restaurant Show on AM 830.

In 2009, After 10 years working in fine dining and upscale hotels, Gruel's love of the ocean drove him to direct a non-profit project at The Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, CA called "Seafood for the Future". In this role, he worked with hundreds of chefs, fisherman and like-minded organizations establishing a national culinary awareness for the sustainable seafood movement. This was the foundation of Slapfish, which currently has 13 locations open and over 150 in development both domestically and internationally. In 2017 he opened two new concepts: Butterleaf and Two Birds, in TRADE Food Hall, and opened his fourth concept, Raw Bar by Slapfish in January 2018 in Huntington Beach.

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Mackenzie
Sol

Every generation has its superstars. The eighties gave us Michael Jackson, the nineties launched Justin Timberlake, and the early two thousands are synonymous with Justin Bieber. Now, we welcome the next generation of talent in singer, songwriter, dancer and actor



CC
Miles

CC wakes and within minutes is usually at her piano or has her guitar in hand. It isn't practice to her, it is simply what she is. Her inspiration for her original songs comes from observing life. When she sees a story unfold it sparks her to write and tell the story through her next song.



Ray
Goren

Singer. Songwriter. Explosive multi-instrumentalist. Ray Goren is a true triple-threat, having grown up under the wings of blues legends and songwriting icons. Now, at 18 years old the ever-evolving musician is creating his own sound rooted in pop, hip hop, R&B, soul, and rock.

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ALPHA WARRIOR ATHLETES



**McKinley
Pierce**

Is a Pro Athlete with Alpha Warrior and has competed on season 9 in 2017 on NBC's American Ninja Warrior as well as season 10 where she was one of the top female competitors of 2018. McKinley continues to be a fierce competitor competing throughout the country in numerous ninja competitions and placing well against some of the best athletes in the country.



**Kevin
Klein**

Is a Pro Athlete & Pro Head Coach with Alpha Warrior and one of the top competitors on NBC's American Ninja Warrior. Kevin is one of only a few who have competed on American Ninja Warrior for over 8 Seasons. He is a strength and conditioning coach by trade, and also happens to be a flag runner for the Dallas Cowboys.

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DJ TALENT & EMCEE/COMEDIAN



There is a unique and inspiring passion behind DJ Jena RED. Ms. RED loves being able “to manipulate music in a positive way” which drives her constant exploration for new sounds. Her creative expression, both with music and her own body, has her rapidly emerging as one of the hottest female DJs in the scene.



Rupert Vanderpool is a natural born comedian who's best known for his pantomiming humor and his endless variety of facial expressions. "Funny things always happened in my house being that there were 8 of us." Rupert is also a Vegan and practices a healthy lifestyle.

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NATIONAL BAND TALENT



Liquid Blue is the most accomplished and highly acclaimed party band in the event business. Numerous awards include “America’s Best Dance Band” at the National Music Awards, “Best Cover Band” at the San Diego Music Awards, “Pop Album of the Year” at the Los Angeles Music Awards and a Guinness World Record. The band has performed sold-out, ticketed shows on three continents.

Liquid Blue has performed in over 100 countries and hold the official world record for “The World’s Most Traveled Band”. With numerous albums and a single which hit the Billboard Dance Top-10 and Hot 100 Singles Sales Chart, Liquid Blue is the ultimate cover band (and so much more)!

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