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Slackery News Tidbits, November 4

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Here's the latest Austin and Central Texas movie news.

- Former Austinite and Fantastic Fest Programmer Coordinator Blake Ethridge will consult on programming and acquisition efforts for the inaugural [Oak Cliff Film Festival](#), which will take place June 14-17 in the Dallas neighborhood. (Ethridge co-hosted Slackerwood's Alamo Downtown Blog-a-Thon in 2007.) OCFE will focus on screening movies previously shown at prestigious film festivals, from Sundance to SXSW to Cannes. Movies will play at the [Texas Theatre](#) -- whose owners are also the fest coordinators -- as well as the Kessler Theater, the Bishop Arts "TeCo" Theater (formerly the Bluebird Theater) and the Belmont Hotel in Dallas. Festival submissions open November 7.
- The [Austin Polish Film Festival](#) starts today. Anne Lewis at the *Austin Chronicle* has written an [excellent preview](#).
- Actor [Johnny Depp](#) and director [Bruce Robinson](#) didn't just visit Austin Film Festival last month, but also [spoke with](#) and answered questions from UT RTF and journalism students about their movie *The Rum Diary*, currently in theaters. RTF instructor John Pierson moderated the panel event. Austinite [Amber Heard](#) stars alongside Depp in this action/comedy about an American journalist's exploits in Puerto Rico, based on the book by Hunter S. Thompson.
- Another AFF 2011 selection opens in theaters today: winner of the 2011 Sundance Film Festival Directing Award for Best Drama, *Martha Marcy May Marlene* ([Elizabeth's review](#)). Former Austinite [John Hawkes](#) stars alongside Elizabeth Olsen in this drama about a woman trying to re-connect with her family after fleeing an abusive cult. Hawkes spoke with [Austin360](#) last week about his time in Austin and his acting experiences.
- This weekend, Drafthouse Films' latest release, *FP*, will screen at the [Starz Denver Film Festival](#) this weekend. The movie is a 1980s throwback about a competitive dance-fight video game competition, and might have caught Drafthouse Films' attention when it screened at SXSW earlier this year. Drafthouse Films is the [Alamo Drafthouse](#) film distribution arm, which previously released the comedy *Four Lions*.
- [Cinekink](#), touted as "the kinky film festival," rolls down its stockings in Austin at 8 pm on Thursday, Nov. 17 at [Spider House Ballroom](#). The NYC-based festival will screen six award-winning short films for the 18-and-up crowd. Cinekink celebrates and explores diverse sexuality in film. The Austin event is sponsored by local film series Smut City.
- Austin audio and video post-production company [Stuck On On](#) is getting a lot of media attention this month. Read [CultureMap Austin's](#) profile of the company, then check out Josh Rosenblatt's [profile](#) at the *Austin Chronicle*. The company's worked on AFF 2011 selection *Restive*, SXSW 2011 documentary *Where Soldiers Come From* and recent release *Take Shelter*, among other films. Jette [interviewed them](#) this summer about their work on *Slacker 2011*.

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