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Slackery News Tidbits: August 12, 2013

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Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- The Austin Film Society announced the three jurors who will determine the recipients of this year's \$116,000 [AFS Grant](#), formerly the Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund. [Jacqueline Lyanga](#), director of the L.A.-based American Film Institute Fest; filmmaker [Ry Russo-Young](#), whose latest feature *Nobody Walks* won a special grand jury prize at last year's Sundance Film Festival; and 2010 Guggenheim Fellow [Matt Wolf](#), who was named one of the 25 New Faces of Independent Film by Filmmaker Magazine, will be in charge of selecting the recipients of the funds, which can be used toward production, post-production and distribution of independent films.
- Renaissance man Ron Deutsch [announced](#) that he will teach his 20th Chef du Cinema class on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Central Market North. Students will learn to prepare a three-course menu inspired by the Oscar-nominated film, *O, Brother, Where Art Thou?* The adventure-comedy will be screened -- and food will be eaten- -- after the demonstration, which includes jailbird barbeque, Pappy O'Daniel's buttermilk biscuits and honey butter, and strawberry-rhubarb pie.
- Alamo Drafthouse CEO and founder [Tim League](#) may be entering the ring during this year's Fantastic Fest Debates, oral arguments that lead to physical boxing with gloves and headgear, [Austin Movie Blog](#) reports. This is all in the name of defending the movie-theater protocol that has made the Drafthouse famous (talk, text and social media-free), which recently came under fire with website The Wrap's [article](#) and blogger Hunter Walk's [post](#) suggesting that it's time to reinvent the moviegoing experience. Last week, Austinite David Delgado tweeted that League should consider fighting Walk in one of the festival's annual debates. League's response came in the form of a [tweet](#) to Slackerwood contributor J.C. DeLeon, where he accepted the challenge.
- In more Drafthouse news, the theater chain is working in collaboration with [Austin Dog Rescue](#) and Lola Visual to [present](#) the documentary *Roots of Rescue*, Thursday, Aug. 22 at 7 pm at Alamo Village. A Q&A with filmmakers [David Cowardin](#) and [Joe Olivieri](#) will follow the screening. All proceeds benefit Austin Dog Rescue.
- Stateside at the Paramount will host a [Looney Tunes cartoon shorts screening](#) to benefit Austin-based nonprofit [For The Children](#) at 6 pm this Thursday, Aug. 15. Proceeds will help purchase and provide school supplies for local Title I elementary schools.
- Finally, this week *The New York Times* [profiled](#) Austin-based post-rockers [Explosions in the Sky](#), who scored the Bastrop-shot film *Prince Avalanche* ([Elizabeth's SXSW review](#)).

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