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### Slackery News Tidbits: September 9, 2013

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Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news:

- The Houston Film Commission's [Texas Filmmaker's Showcase](#) will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 8 pm at The Marchesa. The 90-minute screening will include six of Texas-made short films selected by a jury panel, including Austin filmmakers [Craig Whitney](#) ([Jordan's interview](#)) and [Kat Candler](#). Some of the filmmakers will be in attendance for a Q&A. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Austin Film Society Grant.
- Drafthouse Films, the distribution arm of Alamo Drafthouse, [announced](#) its partnership with fellow distribution company Cinedigm for home-entertainment releases, beginning next year.
- In more Drafthouse news, Fantastic Fest lead features programmer Rodney Perkins selected the Austin-shot short [The Quiet Girl's Guide to Violence](#) for [Fangoria's](#) latest installment of its "Screamers" series, available to watch online. The dark comedy premiered at Fantastic Fest 2012.
- On the heels of Fantastic Fest, [The Hollywood Reporter](#) announced that [Keanu Reeves](#) will take on Alamo Drafthouse CEO and co-founder [Tim League](#) during the event's annual Fantastic Debates, after the screening of Reeves' directorial debut, [Man of Tai Chi](#) on Sept. 21. Reeves will debate League, then the film's star, boxing martial artist [Tiger Hu Chen](#) will take on League in the ring.
- The New York Times [profiled](#) Austinite [Andrew Bujalski](#) ([Computer Chess](#)) and Dallas native [Terrence Nance](#) ([An Oversimplification of Her Beauty](#)) in its "20 Directors to Watch."
- Actor and former Austin Film Festival programmer [John Merriman](#) is now blogging for the [Moontower Comedy Festival](#). The ubiquitous actor/comedian recently received kudos from [The Austin Chronicle](#) for his current work.
- [The Arizona Underground Film Festival](#) has recognized Austinite [Geoff Marslett's](#) Lone Star Award-winning film [Loves Her Gun](#) ([Don's review](#)), which will screen Sept. 14 in Tucson.
- Finally, the SXSW 2013 Grand Jury and Audience Awards winner [Short Term 12](#) opens at Alamo Slaughter, Violet Crown and Regal Arbor theaters on Friday, Sept. 20. The drama follows the experiences of a twentysomething supervising staff member of a foster-care facility.

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