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Slackery News Tidbits: April 8, 2013

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Here's the latest Austin film news.

- Phase 4 Films will release *Boneboys*, filmed in Austin and Taylor, in select cities and theaters on Sept. 6. Writer/producer [Kim Henkel](#), who co-wrote the 1974 horror classic *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, teamed up with two former Texas A&M University- Kingsville students, co-directors [Duane Graves](#) and [Justin Meeks](#), on the low-budget horror comedy about a family of cannibals. *Boneboys* had its U.S. premiere at last year's Austin Film Festival.
- Robert Redford has signed Austin filmmaker [Richard Linklater](#) to direct an adaptation of Bill Bryson's travel memoir *A Walk in the Woods*, the *LA Times* reports. The movie, about Bryson's attempting the Appalachian Trail, could begin shooting in the fall. Redford, who's producing the film, will also co-star in it with Nick Nolte.
- Delaware-based [Dogfish Head Craft Brewery](#) and [Alamo Drafthouse Cinema](#) have teamed up again for the sixth annual Off-Centered Film Festival. Beginning April 18, the three-day movie, beer, and food feast -- with a hip-hop theme this year -- will feature a sing-along, rap battle competition, DJs and a **short film competition**. Proceeds will benefit the nonprofit [Texas Craft Brewers Guild](#).
- [Austin Film Society](#) will host a memorial screening of prolific Spanish filmmaker [Jess Franco's](#) film *Venus in Furs* on Friday, April 19 at [The Marchesa](#) (6226 Middle Fiskville Road). Despite its title, the 1969 film isn't based on the novel. Instead, it tells the story of a jazz trumpeter who, while digging up a buried horn on a beach, discovers a woman washed ashore. *Venus in Furs* will screen from a rare 35mm original release print to honor Franco, who died last week at his home in Malaga, Spain.
- The Paramount **is screening** *Pee-wee's Big Adventure* on Tuesday night as a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In addition to the movie itself, the event promises you can "mingle with Large Marge, Simone, and more in the lobby; let Madam Ruby reveal your fortune; get your picture taken in front of The Alamo; bask in 80s nostalgia, win door prizes and more!"
- Last year's AFF documentary feature *Plimpton! Starring George Plimpton as Himself* will be released theatrically under distributor Laemmle/Zeller films this spring. The film, which also screened at last year's Dallas Video Fest, uses audio and video to tell the story of [George Plimpton](#), former editor of the *Paris Review*, who acted onscreen with the likes of Anthony Hopkins, John Wayne and Matt Damon.
- Finally, you can now watch Austin filmmaker Clay Liford's 2008 short *My Mom Smokes Weed* online -- embedded below or [via YouTube](#). The DFW-area shot film screened at AFF in 2009 and Sundance in 2010. Yen Tan (*Pit Stop*) is one of the film's producers.



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