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Slackery News Tidbits: August 19, 2013

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Here's the latest Austin film news.

- Alamo Drafthouse CEO Tim League is looking to hire an apprentice, reports The Austin Chronicle. If you think you have what it takes to join the "big leagues," review the job's description via League's Facebook post and apply.
- In more Drafthouse news, Austin-based screenwriter and Alamo programmer
 Owen Egerton directed the music video for Austin-based musician Bob
 Schneider's latest single, "Wish the Wind Would Blow Me," on location at The
 Highball. The Drafthouse-owned bar and event venue is being renovated next to
 the theater chain's South Lamar location.
- The Drafthouse news continues with the announcement of this year's Fantastic Fest Bumper Contest, which invites the public to create the most outrageous and entertaining 15-45 second video possible that represents the festival and its current theme, "Intergalactic Fantastic." Deadline to submit entries is 11:59 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 10. The selected bumpers will play before Fantastic Fest screenings. Find out more here about how you can get involved.
- Butcher Boys, originally titled Boneboys, which was filmed in Austin and Taylor, is scheduled for a limited theatrical release on Sept. 6, followed by a VOD and DVD release beginning Oct. 8, according to JoBlo. Writer/producer Kim Henkel, who co-wrote the 1974 horror classic The Texas Chain Saw 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. The film previously screened here during Austin Film Festival 2012.
- The three jurors who will determine the recipients of this year's \$116,000 AFS Grant, formerly the Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund, will be in attendance for a meet-and-greet before the screening of *Teenage* on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at The Marchesa. Jurors include 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, director of *Teenage*, who will also be available for a post-screening Q&A. They'll be in charge of selecting the recipients of the funds, which can be used toward production, post-production and distribution of independent films.
- Austin Film Festival announced more panels and panelists for this year's conference: writer/producer Robert Orci, whose credits include Transformers and Star Trek Into Darkness; screenwriter Jim Taylor, who will present a retrospective screening of the 1999 film he cowrote, Election; Jenji Kohan, creator of the Netflix series Orange is The New Black, who will lead a discussion on Netflix's new release platform with Beau Willimon (House of Cards) and Hemlock Grove creators Brian McGreevy and Lee Shipman; writer and co-producer of Seinfeld, Peter Mehlman; and Safe House writer David Guggenheim, writer of Safe House
- Finally, the postmark deadline to submit short films to AFF's Young Filmmaker Competition is Sunday, Sept. 1. Find out more about the competition's rule and guidelines and download an application here.

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