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Slackery News Tidbits: February 3, 2014

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Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- The "completely insane" zom-com *Buck Wild*, which premiered at the Dallas International Film Festival and then screened at the Hill Country Film Festival ([Jette's dispatch](#)), has been acquired by Millenium Entertainment. This tongue-in-cheek buddy adventure, about a hunting vacation gone awry, is scheduled for a VOD/DVD release on March 18, with an early digital release on Feb. 18.
- The Houston Film Commission is currently [taking submissions](#) for its annual Texas Filmmaker's Showcase of short films. Selected films are screened in Los Angeles in June, as well as at other venues in Texas.
- Entries are now being accepted for the Austin Film Festival's [Screenplay and Teleplay Competition](#). The final deadline is May 31.
- In more AFF news, the AFF 2012 Official Selection *Punk in Africa*, which traces the multiracial punk movement in three countries, will screen at 9:35 pm on Feb. 10 at Alamo Ritz as part of the theater chain's Music Mondays series. The documentary is also scheduled for a DVD release March 11.
- The action dramedy *Operation: Raven* will have its premiere at 7 pm, Feb. 26 at the Galaxy Highland Theater (6700 Middle Fiskville) as part of the "Austin Premieres" series. The low-budget, independent movie, created by Portland transplants Jimmie Buchanan Jr. and Amy McCullough, is one of four movies to debut during AFF's new series.
- AFF news continues with an opportunity to discuss the Netflix Original Series *House of Cards* with the show's creator/executive producer Beau Willimon at 2 pm, Feb. 22 at the Harry Ransom Center. Tickets can be purchased [online](#).
- The Elijah Wood-fronted *Grand Piano* ([Jette's review](#)), which had its world premiere at Fantastic Fest 2013, will have its U.S. theatrical release on March 7. It is currently available on video on demand channels and Amazon Instant Video.
- Austin Motion Artists Group created a [trippy animated video](#) set to Austin-based indielectronica band [The Octopus Project](#). Watch it below.



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