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Prepare to Get Cockeyed With the Off-Centered Film Fest

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Delaware-based Dogfish Head Craft Brewery and Alamo Drafthouse Cinema have teamed up again for the sixth annual Off-Centered Film Fest (Debbie's 2012 coverage). Beginning Thursday night, the three-day beer and food feast -- with a hiphop theme this year -- will feature a sing-along, rap battle competition, DJs and a short film competition. Most events are at Alamo Drafthouse on Slaughter Lane, and proceeds will benefit the nonprofit Texas Craft Brewers Guild.

The homegrown festivities kick off with a 6 pm screening at Republic Square Park of *Friday*, a movie so ripe with wisdom and wit it'll make you say "daayymmnn!" The Ice Cube, Chris Tucker-fronted stoner comedy tells the day-long adventure of two neighborhood buddies in L.A.

Sam Calagione, owner of Dogfish Head Craft Brewery (**Debbie's interview with Calagione**), and Tim League, Alamo Drafthouse co-founder, have added more hip to their hops with Friday's first ever **Jiggy Crunk Sing-A-Long**. Calagione and League will both be in attendance throughout the festival.

Homegrown cinema will get its chance in the sun during Saturday's short film competition event. The competition's top films will be screened theatrically and the top three winners will receive their awards.

Closing the festival is a screening of *8 Mile*, a semi-autobiographical tale about a white wannabe rapper aka Eminem. A pre-show rap battle competition will accompany the film, as well as an appearance by Funkmaster I.B.U. Who is this Funkmaster I.B.U., you ask? None other than Calagione himself, half of the beer-geek hip-hop ensemble Pain Realievaz.

Check out last year's first place short film competition winner, *The Rainbow Ranch Inn*, embedded below.

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