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Slackery News Tidbits: July 29, 2013

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Here's the latest Austin film news.

- Investors are suing Central Texas filmmaker [Terrence Malick's](#) Sycamore Pictures over disputes on a contract to produce two 45-minute IMAX films and a 90-150-minute feature film titled *Voyage of Time*, about the history of the universe, [Austin Business Journal](#) reports. The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in New York, alleges that Malick didn't devote the time needed to complete the films and says his production company has spent \$3.3 million of funds from investor Seven Seas Partnerships Ltd. The filmmaker hasn't commented on the lawsuit, but according to reports, a Sycamore Pictures representative says the investor's claims are groundless.
- In festival news, many films with Austin ties will screen at both the Venice International Film Festival and Toronto International Film Festival, according to [Austin Movie Blog](#). The movies include Alex Gibney's documentary *The Armstrong Lie*, which follows the Austin cyclist as he trains for his eighth Tour de France; the JFK assassination drama *Parkland*; the [Matthew McConaughey](#)-fronted *Dallas Buyers Club*; Austinite [David Gordon Green's Joe](#), about an ex-con, played by Nicolas Cage, and his relationship with a 15-year-old boy; and the astronaut drama *Gravity*, starring sometimes-Austinite [Sandra Bullock](#).
- Fantastic Fest news continues with the [announcement](#) of its first films, which includes the Keanu Reeves-fronted and directorial debut *Man of Tai Chi*, which tells the story of young martial artist whose skills land him in a lucrative underground fight club. Reeves is scheduled to make an in-person appearance.
- Fantastic Fest Audience Award-winner *I Declare War*, about a deadly summer game among neighborhood kids, will open in select theaters Aug. 30. The film is currently available on VOD, iTunes and digital download.
- In more film festival announcements, Austin Film Festival will begin announcing its 2013 official selections Aug. 1 [on Twitter](#).
- *Euphonia* is now available for free on [Vimeo](#), Film School Rejects announced. The film, about a teenage boy's relationship with his voice recorder, made its world premiere during SXSW Film Festival earlier this year ([Don's review](#)).
- More SXSW-related release news includes distribution for *A Teacher* ([Jordan's review](#)), a fictional account of an Austin high school teacher's relationship with a student. The drama is scheduled to play in theaters and on-demand outlets in September.
- Andrew Disney, the writer/director of the Fort Worth-shot, 2011 AFF selection *Searching for Sonny* ([Slackerwood interview](#)), returns with the upcoming comedy *Intramural*, which is currently in production.
- AFF concludes its [Made in Texas Family Series](#) with a screening of *Secondhand Lions* at 3 pm on Sunday, Aug. 4 at the Bob Bullock Texas Spirit Theater. Writer/director [Tim McCanlies](#) will be present for a post-screening Q&A.

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