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## Slackery News Tidbits: September 2, 2013

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Here's the latest Austin film news.

- Austin Film Festival announced more panels and panelists for this year's conference: writer [Ron Nyswaner](#), whose credits include *Philadelphia* and *The Painted Veil*; producer [Ben Blacker](#), who will moderate The Nerdist Writers Panel; [Daniel Schechter](#), writer/director of *Goodbye Baby*; and [David Shore](#), the creator of the TV series *House, M.D.*, as well as a writer for *The Practice* and *Law and Order*. The full AFF Conference lineup will be announced later this month.
- University of Texas in Austin alumnus [Glen Powell](#) is slated to appear in *The Expendables 3* alongside Sylvester Stallone, Harrison Ford, Mel Gibson and Antonio Banderas, reports [Austin Movie Blog](#). Powell got his start in movies with 2003's *Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over* and has appeared in more than a dozen TV and shows and movies, including Austinite Kat Candler's *Jumping Off Bridges*.
- The Austin-made horror-comedy *Saturday Morning Massacre* ([Jette's review](#)) has received distribution under two different names in some markets, reports [Austin 360](#). Fans can find the film under its original title at Redbox outlets around the country beginning Tuesday. According to the film's producers, Best Buy and iTunes are selling the film under the title *Saturday Morning Mystery* because of the school shooting in Newton, Connecticut. The movie, which screened at AFF 2012, is about a group of down-on-their-luck paranormal investigators and their beloved pooch, who embark on an adventure to debunk the ghost stories surrounding an abandoned mansion.
- The Tom Hanks-produced film *Parkland* ([Ryan's dispatch](#)), about the going-ons at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, has released its first theatrical trailer. The film is adapted from author and former prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi's book *Reclaiming History: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy*. It stars Paul Giamatti, Billy Bob Thornton and University of Texas alumna Marcia Gay Harden, among others. *Parkland* is scheduled for a Sept. 20 U.S. release, according to [Deadline](#).
- A newly created company operating under the name Southwest Theaters has signed a lease to open its first location in the space vacated by the Alamo Drafthouse's location in the Lake Creek retail center, according to [Community Impact News](#). The theater expects to sell discounted tickets for first-run films that are one to three months old.
- Native Texan [Ethan Hawke](#) revealed to [The Huffington Post](#) that Austin-based filmmaker [Richard Linklater's](#) long-awaited film *Boyhood* may be released sometime next year. The film, which Linklater's been working on since 2002, chronicles the life of a child from age six to 18 and stars Hawke and [Patricia Arquette](#) as the boy's fictional parents.
- Speaking of Linklater, Digital Entertainment announced that it'll release the documentary *Double Play: James Benning and Richard Linklater* next year, following its premiere at the 2013 Venice Film Festival. The film follows the filmmakers through a leisurely weekend in Austin, combing these interactions with archival material from when the duo met in 1988. Benning was the first out-of-town filmmaker to be invited to Linklater's newly-formed Austin Film Society.
- In more festival news, Alamo Drafthouse CEO and co-founder [Tim League](#) hinted to [IndieWire](#) that heavy-metal band Metallica may make an appearance at this year's Fantastic Fest as karaoke judges. But will they perform?
- The 2012 comedy anthology *Holiday Road*, produced by Austinite [Kelly Williams](#), is now available online. UT alumnus [Todd Berger](#) (*It's a Disaster*) was one of 13 filmmakers to direct a segment. Former Austinite [Kevin Brennan](#) also stars in one of the 12 short films.
- Austin journalist Peter Hall's [interview](#) with *Friday Night Lights* star [Kyle Chandler](#), who can be seen in *The Spectacular Now*, currently in theaters, revealed that the actor is eager to make movies in Austin.
- Sean Malin of the blog Cinemalin recently [interviewed](#) Austin film editor, writer and director [Don Swaynos](#), who's worked with the likes of Yen Tan (*Pit Stop*) and former AFS staffer Bryan Poyser (*The Bounceback*) -- he also is the creative force behind the 2012 film *Pictures of Superheroes* ([Debbie's review](#)), which had its premiere at AFF and is scheduled for an Oct. 15 VOD release.

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