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Here's the latest in Austin and Texas film news.

- Two Austin-based theater chains are expanding their reach in the U.S. Violet Crown Cinema will open a second location in Santa Fe at an undisclosed date, according to [Austin 360](#). The arthouse theater, owned by [Bill Banowsky](#), co-founder of the Austin-based [Magnolia Pictures](#), will be part of the Santa Fe Railyard development. [Austin Business Journal](#) reports that Alamo Drafthouse will open its first Lubbock area location next year, with construction currently underway.
- The inaugural [Q Fest](#), celebrating queer cinema, began yesterday at the Josephine Theatre in San Antonio, the [San Antonio Current](#) reports. Festivities include a short films package and documentaries, such as *San Antonio Four*, about four Latina lesbians from San Antonio who may have been wrongfully convicted of sexually assaulting two children in the early '90s.
- The latest movie by former Austinites [Joel](#) and [Ethan Coen](#), who filmed the 2010 remake *True Grit* in-and-around Austin, has been chosen as an official selection at this year's Cannes Film Festival, according to [IndieWire](#). *Inside Llewyn Davis*, starring Carey Mulligan and Justin Timberlake, tells the story of an aspiring folk singer-songwriter (Oscar Isaac) in 1960s Greenwich Village.
- *The New York Times* [profiled](#) Austin filmmaker Jeff Nichols this weekend. Nichols' movie *Mud* opens in Austin this Friday, 4/26.
- Distribution company [Cinedigm](#) is expanding its documentary branch, [Docurama Films](#), with its plans to theatrically release seven feature-length movies in consecutive one-week runs in 15 cities. In Austin, the screenings begin Monday night at Alamo Village and Slaughter, [Austin 360](#) reports. The series kicks off with *G-DOG*, about a Jesuit priest in Los Angeles. Other screenings to follow are *Vivian Las Antipodas*, *The World Before Her*, *The Fruit Hunters*, *Charge*, *Ping Pong* and *London: The Modern Babylon*, which concludes the series June 16.
- Finally, the *Austin Chronicle* [reports](#) that a 2000 feature from Austin filmmaker Bob Byington is now on YouTube. *Tuna* is 58 minutes long and the cast includes Nick Offerman, Kevin Corrigan and Louis CK. It's embedded below ... enjoy!



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