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Slackery News Tidbits: May 5, 2014

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Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- An open casting call for various non-speaking background extras for the feature *My All American*, chronicling University of Texas football player Freddie Steinmark and the 1969 National Champion Longhorns, will take place on Monday, May 12 from 2-8 pm at Smithville Recreation Center (106 Royston St.) in Smithville. The movie, directed by Angelo Pizzo (*Hoosiers* and *Rudy*), will be shooting in Austin and surrounding areas this summer. myallamericantx [at] gmail [dot] com (Email Brock/Allen Casting) for more info.
- The [Austin Latino Film Association](#) will have its soft launch party tonight (May 5) at 7:30 pm at Baby Acapulco (5610 N. IH-35). The nonprofit organization is dedicated to Austin-based Latino filmmakers, Latino-themed movies and local Latino youth.
- Join the Austin Film Festival for a conversation with Emmy-nominated actor [Robert Walden](#) through the nonprofit's *On Story* series this Wednesday, May 7 at 7 pm at the Texas Spirit Theater in the Texas History Museum.
- Cast members of the notorious 1974 horror film *Texas Chain Saw Massacre* will reunite at this year's [Housecore Horror Film Festival](#) in Austin. The horror and heavy-metal event will celebrate this seminal Central Texas-shot movie's 40th anniversary during the festival from Oct. 23-26.
- The Alamo Drafthouse has partnered with South Shore District for Friday Night Films in the Park, a free summer classic film series running from May 16-30 at South Shore District. The outdoor screenings start at sunset, and will include *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, *Meatballs* and *Dirty Dancing*.
- Sundance Selects will release Austin-based filmmaker and UT lecturer [Kat Candler's](#) drama *Hellion* ([Debbie's review](#)) in New York and Los Angeles, as well as on VOD platforms on June 13.
- In more UT-related news, the university's radio-television-film department will screen its MFA students' [thesis movies](#) for the public on Sunday, May 11, from 6-9:30 pm at the UT Student Activity Center Auditorium (SAC 1.402). A brief Q&A will follow the free screenings.
- RTF news continues with the announcement that its chair, Paul Stekler, Emmy and Peabody award-winning documentary filmmaker, has been named Variety's Mentor of the Year, the trade magazine [reports](#).
- Finally, local filmmaker/cinematographer [Lucas Millard](#) is the recipient of a 2014-2015 Fulbright Scholarship to make a feature documentary about the impact of road construction into the eastern Himalayas. The UT RTF alum will spend a year in Nepal.

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