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Slackery News Tidbits: April 29, 2013

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Here's the latest Austin film news.

- Locally shot film *The Happy Poet* will [return to Austin](#) next Monday at the Stateside Theater, with some of the cast and crew in attendance for a post-screening Q&A ([Jordan's interview](#)). [Paul Gordon's](#) comedy will be released on DVD and online streaming June 25. *The Happy Poet*, which premiered at SXSW 2010 ([our review](#)), tells the story of Bill (Gordon), an out-of-work poet who uses the last of his money (and a loan) to buy an all-organic, mostly vegetarian food stand. The cast also includes Chris Doubek and Jonny Mars.
- Austin videogame label Devolver Digital has created a new division for film distribution. They've [acquired their first film](#) for theatrical and VOD release: *Cancerpants*. Don saw it at aGLIFF in 2011 and [said](#) it's "a terrific documentary about Austinite Rochelle Poulson's fight against breast cancer." He added: "Shot in Austin and astutely directed by [Nevie Owens](#), *Cancerpants* is a starkly honest portrait of Poulson's battle, a film that doesn't shy away from the often unpleasant details of her story." Look for it on VOD outlets starting May 7, with screenings in several cities -- including Austin, natch -- planned for May 30.
- The music documentary *A Band Called Death*, which screened at this year's SXSW Film Festival, is also gearing up for its May 24 VOD release and June 28 limited theatrical release through Drafthouse Films, the distribution arm of the Alamo Drafthouse. *A Band Called Death* takes a walk down a sometimes blurry memory lane, when, in the 1970s, three African-American brothers from Detroit formed the punk band Death ([Debbie's preview](#)). The documentary follows the band's newfound popularity, decades after they split.
- Halloween comes early, with news that Italian progressive rock band Goblin will perform their original score to director Dario Argento's 1977 film *Suspria*, during the first [Housecore Horror Film Festival](#) Oct. 25-27 at Emo's East. This will mark their first North American appearance.
- Finally, since we write about crowdfunding campaigns for indie films so often, we got a kick out of [the following video](#) from Austin-based comedy troupe HUMORdy.



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