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### Slackery News Tidbits: April 28, 2014

By [Jordan Gass-Poore](#) on April 28, 2014 - 10:00am in [Slackery News Tidbits](#)

Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- Austin filmmaker [C. Robert Cargill](#) ([Jordan's profile](#)) is co-writing the sequel to 2012's micro-budget horror flick *Sinister*, which stars native Texan [Ethan Hawke](#), with the original movie's director [Scott Derrickson](#), according to [The Wrap](#). Irish director [Ciaran Foy](#) will direct *Sinister 2*, scheduled to begin production in July.
- Speaking of Cargill ([Rod's interview](#)), the sequel to his debut novel, *Dreams and Shadows*, will be released by [Harper Voyager](#) on May 13. The sequel, *Queen of the Dark Things*, follows the protagonist six months after the events of the first book as he's forced to turn to aid from forces even darker than those he once battled.
- The [Austin Film Festival's](#) early-bird deadline for film submissions is Wednesday. The deadline to submit to the screenplay and teleplay categories is also Wednesday. Late submissions for the screenplay and teleplay categories is May 31, while film submissions will be accepted until July 15.
- In more AFF news, the Austin-produced romantic dramedy, *For Serious*, about a lawyer who decides to make a movie to get closer to his indie-actress crush, will screen on Wednesday at 7 pm at Galaxy Highland as part of the organization's [Austin Premieres](#) series.
- The Nashville Film Festival [announced](#) this year's awardwinners over the weekend. The SXSW 2014 award-winner *Before I Disappear* ([Don's review](#)), based on the Academy Award-winning short *Curfew*, won the Grand Jury Prize in the New Directors Narrative Competition. Last year's Fantastic Fest favorite, *The Congress* ([Mike's review](#)), tied for Best Actress (Robin Wright) in the Graveyard Shift Competition.
- University of Texas alum [Mark Duplass](#) stars in the romantic comedy *The One I Love*, scheduled to be released by RADIUS/TWC on Aug. 15. The movie tells the story of a couple who escapes to a vacation house for a weekend getaway in an attempt to save their marriage, only to discover an unusual dilemma that awaits them.
- Austin filmmaker [Robert Rodriguez's El Rey Network](#) began production last week on *Cutting Crew*, a new, unscripted original series that explores the edgy artistry of a team of barbers. The hour-long series will premiere in the fall.
- Ethan Hawke connection part deux: The trailer for Austin-based filmmaker [Richard Linklater's](#) long-awaited *Boyhood*, which chronicles the life of a child from age six to 18 and stars native Texan [Ethan Hawke](#) and [Patricia Arquette](#), was released last week, [Austin Movie Blog](#) reports.



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