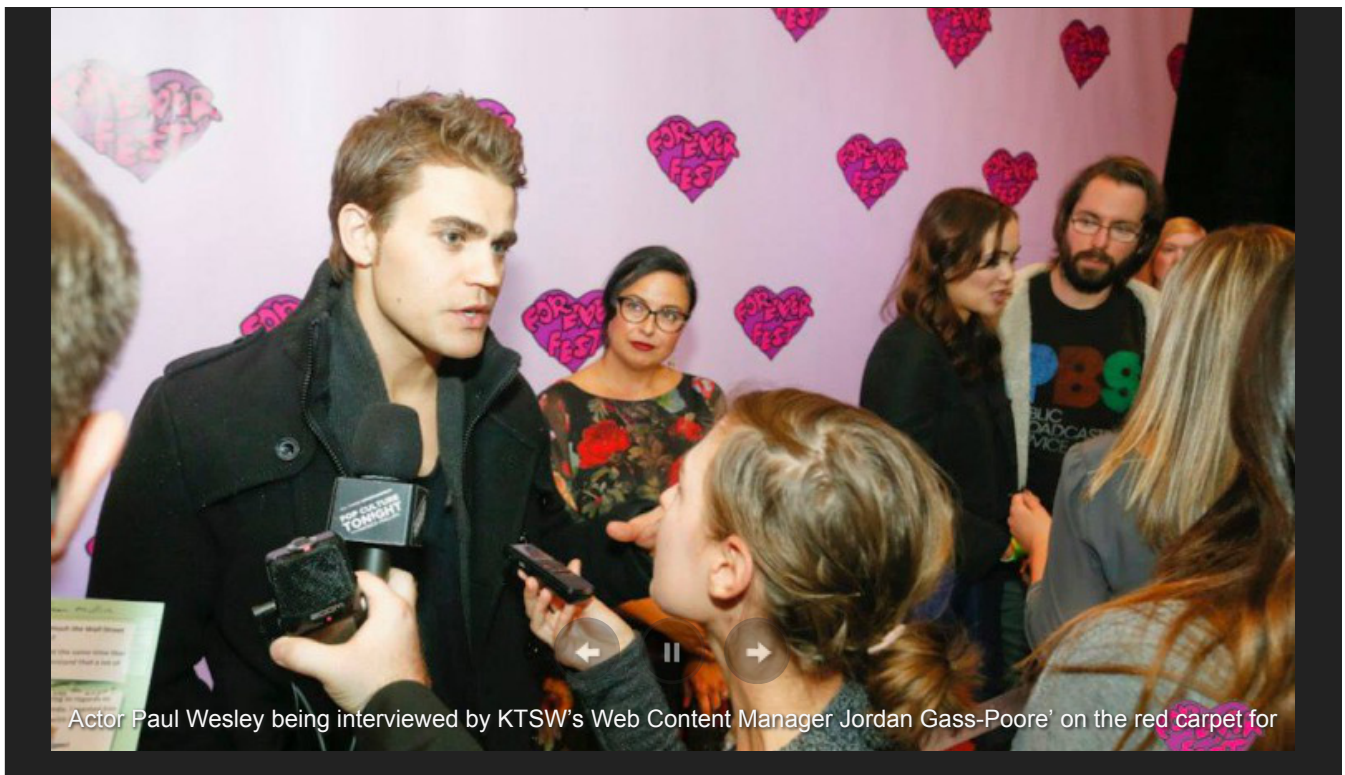




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Forever Fest 2014

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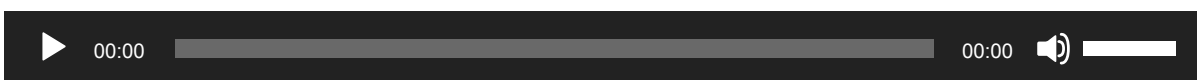
Actor Paul Wesley being interviewed by KTSW's Web Content Manager Jordan Gass-Poore' on the red carpet for

Forever (Fest) is a long time, but it's worth waiting until November. The annual Austin-based festival, [Forever Fest](#), drew the curtain on its second season Nov. 16 at the Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar.

Highlights of the three-day fest that celebrates girlie pop culture: the 10-year anniversary of "Mean Girls" and the Nov. 15 closing night screening of "[Amira and Sam](#)," about an army veteran who falls in love with an Iraqi immigrant on the verge of being deported. The movie stars [Martin Starr](#) ("Freaks and Geeks"), [Dina Shihabi](#) and [Paul Wesley](#) ("The Vampire Diaries"), all of whom were in attendance at the fest's screening. The movie's writer/director [Sean Mullin](#) was also in attendance for the screening of his feature-length debut.

Shihabi, a Dubai native, said she moved to New York to pursue hip-hop dancing and acting.

” *I grew up traveling and living in a lot of different places, [...] so I immediately felt at home when I moved to New York.*”



Mullin, a West Point alum, told an [Austin Chronicle](#) reporter that he didn't like the two words "romantic" and "comedy" and wanted to come up with a new term.

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I think Martin [Starr] just called it momantic romeo.”



Wesley dropped out of Rutgers University to pursue acting full time with the promise of going back one day.

” *And I will never live up to that promise.”*



“Amira and Sam” will have a limited theatrical, VOD and digital release on Jan. 30.



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