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Slackery News Tidbits: December 23, 2013

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Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- Austin tops [MovieMaker's list](#) of the 10 cities to be a filmmaker this year for the state's incentive program, sales tax exemptions, festivals, UT's Radio-Television-Film department and overall moviegoing audience.
- The Drafthouse Films release *The Act of Killing* ([Elizabeth's review](#)), a movie that sees former Indonesian death squad leaders reenacting their real-life mass killings, was voted as this year's best documentary by the [Online Film Critics Society](#). *Why Don't You Play In Hell?*, which screened at Fantastic Fest 2013, also made the Society's list of the top 10 films without a U.S. release.
- *The Act of Killing* also topped [The Guardian's list of the 10 best films of 2013](#). Austin-based filmmaker [Richard Linklater's](#) third installment *Before Midnight* ([Elizabeth's review](#)), starring Texas native [Ethan Hawke](#), landed at [number six](#).
- If your New Year's resolution is to submit your movie to the [Austin Film Festival](#) or Fantastic Fest (or both), you're in luck: AFF's early-bird deadline for all submission categories is April 30. Late submissions will be accepted until July 15. [Fantastic Fest](#) ends its first round of feature and short film submissions Feb. 20 and concludes June 28. FYI: Feature and short film submissions are no longer being accepted for [SXSW Film 2014](#) -- keep an eye out starting next month as the March fest's lineup is announced.
- The Alamo Drafthouse is teaming up with IFC to launch the weekly, thematically-paired film lineup "Slightly Off-Cinema Sundays." Next month's theme, "Novel Flicks," puts a slightly off spin on film adaptations of bestselling books ranging from *No Country for Old Men* and *Fight Club* that will screen at four Austin locations and others nationwide.
- Finally, in more Drafthouse news, the theater chain celebrates its grand opening in [New Braunfels](#) today.

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