

On the Marquee: Austin's Feature Productions

IN PRODUCTION/TO BE RELEASED

- **"Stop Loss"** – Ryan Phillippe, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Jay Hernandez star in this film of a soldier back home in Texas after fighting in Iraq who refuses to return to battle despite the government mandate requiring him to do so.
- **"Fireflies in the Garden"** - A drama/semi-autobiographical story about a family torn apart by an unexpected tragedy, starring Julia Roberts, Carrie-Anne Moss, Ryan Reynolds, William Defoe and Emily Watson. Written and directed by Dennis Lee.
- **"Gary the Tennis Coach"** - A comedy starring Seann William Scott, directed by Danny Leiner and written by Rick Stempson and Andy Stock. A high school janitor coaches Nebraska kids to the state tennis championship.
- **"Swingtown"** - A television series/drama about three married couples, who are friends and neighbors living in a Chicago suburb in the midst of the 1970s socio/sexual revolution. Written by Mike Kelley and directed by Alan Poul.
- **"The Sno Cone Stand, Inc."** – A comedy, starring Morgan Fairchild and Tony Sirico, about three twenty-something stock broker trainees who hate their jobs and their self-absorbed boss and will try just about anything, including selling snow cones, "to climb their way down the corporate ladder."
- **"40 Love"** – Starring Pras of the Fugees, this comedy is about what happens when a hip, young tennis star gets hired as a country-club pro and gets locked in competition with the club's older tennis pro while courting the older guy's daughter. Directed by Weezie Melancon.

NOW IN THEATRES

- **"Austin City Limits"** - Now in its 31st season and nationally syndicated on more than 150 PBS channels across the country, and in Canada.
- **"Kabluey"** - Lisa Kudrow, Scott Prendergast and Christine Taylor star. Salman (Prendergast) comes to help his sister-in-law (Kudrow) tend to his holy terror nephews while Salman's brother is off fighting in Iraq.
- **"Teeth"** - A comedy/horror film about the coming of age, screened at the Sundance Film Festival and released to the film festival circuit. Still a stranger to her own body, a high school student discovers she has a physical advantage when she becomes the object of male violence.
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RECENT PRODUCTIONS

- **"GrindHouse"** - Two horror films created by Quentin Tarantino (*Death Proof*) and Robert Rodriguez (*Planet Terror*) combine in a double-feature tribute to the GrindHouse cinemas of old.
- **"Homo Erectus"** – Burnt Orange Productions' "caveman comedy" stars Allie Larter, David Carradine and Adam Rifkin.
- **"Gary the Tennis Coach"** – Sean William Scott and Randy Quaid star in this story of an overenthusiastic high school maintenance man attempts to lead an unlikely group of misfits to the Nebraska state tennis championship.
- **"Friday Night Lights"** – NBC's hit series about the drama surrounding football in small Texas towns.
- **"The Hitcher"** - Sean Bean and Sophia Bush star in this thriller of two college kids who, on their way to spring break, encounter a mysterious hitchhiker. The kids must fight for their lives and face their fears head-on.

- **"Infamous"** - Sandra Bullock, Toby Jones and Gwyneth Paltrow star in this story of Truman Capote's research for his book/film *In Cold Blood*. Based on the book by George Plimpton.
- **"The Return"** - This thriller stars Sarah Michelle Gellar as a woman reincarnated to avenge her own murder. Scheduled for a Sept. '06 release.
- **"Idiocracy"** - Luke Wilson stars as an "average American" selected by the Pentagon for a top-secret hibernation program. 1,000 years later, he wakes to discover a society so dumbed-down that he is the most intelligent one. Written and directed by Mike Judge with co-writer Ethan Coen.
- **"How to Eat Fried Worms"** - Kids' comedy based on the novel by Thomas Rockwell.
- **"Jumping Off Bridges"** - Zak Nelson and friends spend their time jumping off of bridges for fun. When Zak's mother commits suicide, their group falls apart. Scheduled for release as a feature film at South by Southwest.
- **"The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D"** - A boy's imaginary superhero friends come to life and join him on a series of adventures. Written and directed by Robert Rodriguez. Stars include David Arquette, Kristin Davis and George Lopez.
- **"A Scanner Darkly"** - Set in a future world where America has lost the war on drugs, undercover cop Fred (Keanu Reeves) is one of many agents hooked on the popular drug Substance D, which causes its users to develop split personalities. Written and directed by Richard Linklater.
- **"The Ringer"** - Bobby and Peter Farrelly comedy about two guys who decide to rig the Special Olympics to pay off a debt by having one of them pose as a contestant in the games, hoping to dethrone reigning champion, Jimmy. Johnny Knoxville stars.
- **"Sin City"** - Based on an adaptation of Frank Miller's stories of the fictional town of Sin City. Chief amongst the town's residents is Marv, who trawls the darkest areas of town looking for the person who killed his one true love, Goldie. Directed by Robert Rodriguez and starring Mickey Rourke, Josh Hartnett, Bruce Willis, Marley Shelton and Elijah Wood.
- **"Drop Dead Sexy"** - Comedy directed by Michael Philip about a group of would-be thieves who turn to kidnapping in an attempt to blackmail their target when their money scams run aground, starring Jason Lee and Crispin Glover.
- **"Man of the House"** - Tommy Lee Jones stars in this action/comedy as a FBI agent who must protect a group of cheerleaders from potential harm. Directed by Stephen Herek.
- **"Friday Night Lights"** - Based on H.G. Bissinger's book, which profiled the economically depressed town of Odessa, Texas and their heroic high school football team, The Permian High Panthers. Directed by Peter Berg.
- **"The Alamo"** - Based on the 1836 standoff between a group of Texan and Tejano men against Mexican dictator Santa Anna's forces at the Alamo. Directed by John Lee Hancock and stars Patrick Wilson, Jason Patric, Emilio Echevarria, Jordi Molla, Dennis Quaid and Billy Bob Thornton.
- **"Texas Chainsaw Massacre"** - An updated version of the original that helped put Austin on the cinematic map. This story is about a group of teenagers as they travel South, in order to score drugs in Mexico. From there, they wander into an isolated farmhouse inhabited by a cannibalistic family, led by the chainsaw wielding Leatherface. Starring Jessica Biel and Jonathan Tucker. The production company is Michael Bay's Platinum Dunes.
- **"Secondhand Lions"** - Written and directed by local Tim McCanlies. It is a coming-of-age story about a shy, young boy sent to spend the summer with his wealthy, eccentric uncles in Texas. Starring Michael Caine, Robert Duvall, Haley Joel Osment and Kyra Sedgwick.

RETROSPECTIVE SAMPLER

- **"The Rookie"** - Stars Dennis Quaid in the true story of a Texas high school baseball coach who makes it to the big leagues.
- **"Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over"** - Continuing tales of the Cortez family. Carmen Cortez is caught in a virtual reality game designed by the Kids' new nemesis, the Toymaker (Stallone). So it's up to Juni to save his sister, and ultimately the world. Written and directed by Robert Rodriguez.
- **"Miss Congeniality"** - A Castle Rock production starring Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine, William Shatner, Jennifer Gareis, Wendy Raquel Robinson, Diedre Quinn and Benjamin Bratt. Directed by Donald Petrie.
- **"Varsity Blues"** - Featuring Jon Voight and Barry Switzer among others. Paramount Pictures and MTV Films.
- **"Office Space"** - First non-animated film written and directed by Mike Judge. Stars Ron Livingston, Gary Cole and Jennifer Aniston.

- **"The Faculty"** - Horror film produced and directed by Robert Rodriguez. Cast includes Elijah Wood, Jon Stewart, Salma Hayek, Piper Laurie, Bebe Neuwirth and many more.
- **"Home Fries"** -- Stars Drew Barrymore, Shelly Duval, many high-profile cameos.
- **"Hope Floats"** -- Sandra Bullock stars. Produced by Lynda Obst. Directed by Forest Whitaker. 20th Century Fox.
- **"The Newton Boys"** -- Written and directed by Richard Linklater. Cast includes Matthew McConaughey, Ethan Hawke, Vincent D'Onofrio, and Julianna Margulies. 20th Century Fox.
- **"Michael"** -- Stars John Travolta, William Hurt, Andie McDowell. Biggest grosser of '96 Christmas releases. Gruene Dance Hall and E.6th St. entertainment district are featured locations.
- **"Waiting for Guffman"** -- Comedy "documentary" by Christopher Guest. Spoof of a small town's sesquicentennial celebration. Guest also stars, lots of walk-ons.
- **"SubUrbia"** -- Directed by Richard Linklater. Screenplay by Eric Bogosian. Stars Giovanni Ribisi. See the "hero" location at S. 1st and Stassney, in South Austin.
- **"Courage Under Fire"** -- Denzel Washington, Meg Ryan. Investigation of several versions of a deadly incident during the Gulf War.
- **"A Perfect World"** -- Clint Eastwood, Kevin Costner star, Eastwood directs. Kidnapping, pursuit, lots of locations in and around Austin in this road film.
- **"What's Eating Gilbert Grape"** -- Filmed just outside of Austin (Manor), Johnny Depp stars in this story of small-town teen romance and family relationships.
- **"Dazed and Confused"** -- Richard Linklater's tale of teen angst, alienation and rites of passage. Follow-up to his critically-acclaimed cult film.
- **"Slacker"** -- Linklater's debut film about the street subculture in the University "Drag" area. Wildly successful in Austin screenings, picked up by Orion Classics, launched Linklater's career.
- **"Lonesome Dove"** -- The original. Bill Wittliff's screenplay, based on the Larry McMurtry novel. Simon Wincer directs this CBS miniseries.
- **"Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning"** -- This horror film, taking place in 1969, follows four young adults as they are kidnapped by a psychopath and must fight for their lives.