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## MovieMaker: Austin 5th best city for film

### Austin Business Journal

Austin was ranked the fifth best city to make movies today.

The trade publication ***MovieMaker*** listed the country's 10 best places to film in its latest issue, and moved Austin to the No. 5 slot from its 10th place ranking last year.

The city has appeared somewhere on the list for 10 consecutive years.

**“Producers can hire from within a local crew base...Such resources, along with the full-fledged support of city and state officials, have created a strong sense of film community in Austin,” the *MovieMaker* article said.**

Austin had a large roll in the recent statewide passing of an incentive program for producers. High-profile directors including the Coen brothers, Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino have all filmed here. The city is also home to the annual **Austin Film Festival**, the **Austin Film Society**, **Austin Studios** and **South by Southwest**.

“This is an award that is well deserved for Austin. The film community has worked hard to increase amenities and services for filmmakers working in the area,” said Gary Bond of the **Austin Film Commission**.

The Austin Film Commission co-sponsored a Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund celebration at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. Seven Austin filmmakers will screen movies during the festival.

Other cities listed among *MovieMaker's* top ten cities include: Albuquerque, No. 1; Los Angeles, No. 2; Shreveport, La, No. 3; New York, NY, No. 4; Stamford, Conn., No. 6; Boston, Mass., No. 7; Detroit, Mich., No. 8; and Philadelphia, Penn. No. 9; and Seattle, Wash., No. 10.

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