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Slackery News Tidbits, December 3

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Here's the latest in Austin and Texas film news.

- Native Texan Wes Anderson's *Moonrise Kingdom* and AFF 2012 Marquee Feature Audience Award winner *Silver Linings Playbook* top the 28th Annual Film Independent Spirit Award nominations, [Indiewire](#) reports. Both films were nominated for Best Feature alongside Austinite Richard Linklater's *Bernie*.
- In more Film Independent Spirit Award news, the former Austinite [Mark Duplass](#)-fronted *Safety Not Guaranteed* received a Best First Feature and Best First Screenplay nod, alongside former Austinite [Jonathan Lisecki's](#) ([our interview](#)) SXSW 2012 premiere *Gayby* ([Elizabeth's review](#)). Past and present Austinites, including [John Hawkes](#) (*The Sessions*), [Jack Black](#) (*Bernie*) and [Matthew McConaughey](#) (*Killer Joe*) were nominated for Best Male Lead. McConaughey received a second nomination, Best Supporting Male, for his role in *Magic Mike*. And former Austinite [Elizabeth Mims](#) ([Elizabeth's interview](#)) rounds out the awards show with a Truer Than Fiction nomination for *Only the Young* ([Elizabeth's review](#)), presented to an emerging director of non-fiction feature films who hasn't received significant recognition.
- The festival news continues with [Austin Film Festival's announcement](#) of being awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The grant funds will go toward its 20th anniversary programming, which includes a Retrospective Screening Series that honors acclaimed screenwriters and filmmakers as well as their work.
- PBS's *Arts In Context* featured Fantastic Fest and its co-founder/creative director Tim League in last Thursday's episode, titled "[All My Friends Are Vampires](#)."

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