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Slackery News Tidbits, February 20

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Here's the latest Austin film news.

- Austin Film Festival presents its first [Conversation in Film](#) of 2012 with action writer [Ric Roman Waugh](#) on Tuesday night at the [Harry Ransom Center](#). A wine reception featuring a film storyboard exhibit will precede the event. Then on Wednesday night, AFF is screening Waugh's 2008 film [Felon](#), starring Stephen Dorff and Val Kilmer, at the [Texas Spirit Theater](#).
- Also on Wednesday night, Cinema 41 has just confirmed it [will screen](#) the 1989 Jim Jarmusch movie *Mystery Train* at 7 pm, Alamo Drafthouse at South Lamar.
- And speaking of Alamo, Alamo Drafthouse Cinema co-founder Tim League [announced](#) last week that he is planning on renovating the historic New Mission Theater in San Francisco as a new Drafthouse location.
- [SXSW 2012](#) will feature eight [SXEncore](#) screenings of acclaimed films from previous SXSW festivals, such as Sean Byrne's [The Loved Ones](#) (Jenn Brown's [review](#)) and Aron Gaudet's [The Way We Get By](#). In addition, locally shot documentary [Man on a Mission: Richard Garriott's Road to the Stars](#) (Debbie's [review](#)) returns to Austin as part of the encore screenings.
- There are only 18 days until SXSW 2012, by the way. Festivalgoers, it is time to get prepared. Austin-based advertising agency [GSD&M](#) has got you covered. From the weird, to the gear, GSD&M has compiled [Pinterest](#) boards of [SXSW essentials](#).
- Local actor/filmmakers Kerri Lendo and John Merriman, whose short [Sleep Study](#) played AFF 2010, are back with another short film, this time for Funny or Die: [Modern Man](#). Check it out below. (via the [Pictures of Superheroes](#) blog)

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