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Slackery News Tidbits, February 26

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Here's the latest Austin film news, and a few upcoming events:

- The 27th Annual [Independent Spirit Awards](#) took place night. Although no new awards for Austin or Texas films were announced, [last month](#), Austin-based documentarian [Heather Courtney](#) won the [Truer Than Fiction Award](#) for her film [Where Soldiers Come From](#). In addition, [Sophia Lin](#) received the Piaget Producers Award for the film [Take Shelter](#), written and directed by Austin-based filmmaker [Jeff Nichols](#).
- The [Texas Film Hall of Fame Awards](#) has added one more honoree. Actress [Angie Dickinson](#) will accept the Star of Texas Award for the John Wayne film [Rio Bravo](#) at this year's ceremonies on March 8 at ACL Live at The Moody Theater.
- El Rey is no longer just the name of Austin-based director [Robert Rodriguez's](#) hero in [Planet Terror](#). [Comcast](#), the nation's largest cable provider will distribute networks owned by Rodriguez, among others. Rodriguez and [FactoryMade Ventures](#) executives John Fogelman and Cristina Patwa have joined forces to create El Rey, an English-language general entertainment network aimed at Latino audiences. It is scheduled to launch by January 2014. (via [Hollywood Reporter](#))
- Production company FilmNation announced the [logline](#) for Texas filmmaker [Terence Malick's](#) new film [Lawless](#). The logline for describes the plot as following "two intersecting love triangles. It is a story of sexual obsession and betrayal set against the music scene in Austin, Texas." Pre-production for the Ryan Gosling, Rooney Mara, Cate Blanchett, Christian Bale and Natalie Portman flick took place during last year's Austin City Limits Music Festival. (via [The Playlist](#))
- Film School Rejects [recently interviewed](#) Austin producer [Kelly Williams](#), who discussed his filmmaking career and future projects. Williams produced local writer/director [Kat Candler's](#) Sundance 2012 short film premiere, [Hellion](#). He and Candler are developing a full-length feature version of the film, which is tentatively scheduled to begin filming in Spring 2013.
- The first season of the [Austin Film Festival](#) produced television series [On Story](#) has been picked up by 70 PBS-affiliated stations, including New York City. The 12-episode first season, which gives an inside look into the annual festival's filmmaker panels, aired on Austin's KLRU last year.
- Anyone involved in the Central Texas film industry is invited to attend the [Austin Film Meet Industry Mixer](#) from 7-9 pm on March 5 at Stompin' Grounds. An open mic session will give attendees the opportunity to introduce themselves to the group and network. The Austin Film Meet, formerly the Reel Women First Monday Mix, is a support, networking and collaboration group that brings members of all types and skill levels together.
- Austin-based storyteller and author [Owen Egerton](#) is holding a screenwriting workshop next Saturday and Sunday at Alamo Draffthouse Ritz. Culture Map Austin has a [profile about Egerton](#) and what he's been up to lately.
- Finally, the [Hollywood Reporter](#) [has posted](#) the U.S. trailer for Fantastic Fest 2010 favorite [Sound of Noise](#) ([Jette's review](#) for Cinematical), which is embedded below. The award-winning Swedish-language film about a group of musicians who hold a city hostage while they perform unconventional music using found objects was picked up by [Magnolia Pictures](#) for North American distribution. The movie will be released in Austin on March 23.

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