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## **Slackery News Tidbits, June 13**

By Jordan Gass-Poore' on June 13, 2012 - 10:00am in Slackery News Tidbits

Here's the latest in Austin film news.

 Austin-based filmmaker Ericka Marsalis-LaManna's first feature-length film *Generation Me* has received invitations to screen in the 2012 San Francisco Black Film Festival and the San Antonio Film Festival, *The Austin Chronicle* reports. The comedy, about the dangers associated with forging relationships through Facebook and text messaging, stars local actresses Jamie Teer, Amber Prowl and Melanie Rene. The filmmakers are currently looking for festival sponsors for the movie, which is available on DVD.



- Mike Akel's 2011 film, An Ordinary Family (Mike's review), is now available for rent and purchase through iTunes, Amazon, YouTube, among others. Filmed in Austin, the comedy highlights the difficulties for a family when an estranged member unexpectedly attends an annual vacation with his boyfriend. Read Slackerwood's interview with Akel from Austin Film Festival 2011.
- Oscilloscope has acquired the North American rights to filmmakers Bill and Turner Ross's lyrical documentary *Tchoupitoulas*, IndieWire reports. The film, about three adolescent brothers' nighttime journey through New Orleans' French Quarter, premiered to rave reviews at SXSW 2012.
- Victor Diaz of YNN shares some video and and chitchat from the set of Austin writer/director Bryan Poyser's new film *The Bounceback*, which recently wrapped a local shoot that included Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz. Post-production on the romantic comedy, starring Michael Stahl-David (*Cloverfield*) and Addison Timlin (*Californication*) will continue through the summer. Read Rebecca Campbell's set visit report for more details about the movie.
- The Onion AV Club's *Pop Pilgrims* online travel show went to Houston to interview locals and visit former sets of University of Texas alumnus Wes Anderson's second feature *Rushmore*. Anderson's alma mater St. John's was a stand-in for Rushmore Academy. The prep school's student newspaper, *The Review*, recently interviewed Anderson about his high-school experiences in the late 1980s and his advice to students.

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