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Slackery News Tidbits: June 30, 2014

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Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- The Austin Film Festival's list of 2014 conference panelists grows with the recent additions of writer [Lawrence Kasdan](#) (various *Star Wars* films), writer/director [John Patrick Shanley](#) (*Doubt*), writer Randall Wallace (*Braveheart*), writer [Oren Uziel](#) (*22 Jump Street*) and [Ilyse McKimmie](#), director of the Sundance Labs feature film program. [Badges](#) are still available for the conference and festival, which takes place Oct. 23-30.
- In more AFF news, the nonprofit's [Free Family Film Series](#) presents a screening of *Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey* Sunday at 3 pm at the Texas Spirit Theater. The 1993 family drama based on the book *The Incredible Journey* follows two adventurous dogs and a cat as they escape from a ranch to reunite with their owners. Co-screenwriter of *Homeward Bound*, [Caroline Thompson](#), will be in attendance for a post-screening Q&A.
- AFF news continues: The nonprofit will co-sponsored the film series "[1968's Past, Present, and Future](#)" beginning Tuesday, July 8 until Aug. 12 at the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Screenings of *Bandolero!*, *Rosemary's Baby* and *2001: A Space Odyssey* will also include Q&As with film historians. This series is free for AFF and Bullock Museum members.
- The City of Austin's Economic Development Department, in partnership with Mid-America Arts Alliance and the Texas Commission on the Arts, is bringing an [Artist INC Live Seminar](#) to Austin. The deadline for artists [to apply](#) is **tonight at 11:59 pm**. The department's Cultural Arts Division will host the eight-week seminar from Oct. 4-Nov. 22. AFF's lead editor for its television series *On Story*, Roy Rutngamlug, was chosen to be one of six local arts professionals to act as a facilitator and lead a movie training session during the seminar.
- Festival announcements continue with a second wave of programming news for the [Fourth Annual Rooster Teeth Expo](#), Friday-Sunday at the Austin Convention Center. RTX attendees will be the first to see *Halo: The Master Chief Collection*, in celebration of the video game franchise's 10th anniversary. Austin-based production company, [Rooster Teeth](#), will also premiere the first episode of their award-winning anime series *RWBY: Volume 2* during the expo, with a panel of the series' cast and creators.
- Even more festival announcements: The local [Housecore Horror Film Festival](#) will include a screening of the documentary *As The Palaces Burn*, which follows metal band Lamb of God on their 2012 world tour, plus a post-film interview with the band's frontman Randy Blythe. This horror and heavy-metal event will take place Oct. 23-26.
- A [new website](#) for the Austin-shot movie *Love & Air Sex*, formerly *The Bounceback*, was recently launched where people can download an exclusive special edition of the movie with deleted scenes, bloopers and more air sex.
- Austin-based filmmaker [Richard Linklater's](#) *Boyhood*, which chronicles the life of a child from age six to 18 and stars native Texan [Ethan Hawke](#) and [Patricia Arquette](#), was profiled in [The Hollywood Reporter](#) for its unique financial contract with Linklater as the movie's owner.
- Filmmaker [Annie Silverstein's](#) student short movie *Skunk*, which follows a teenage girl on a journey to find her stolen pit bull and herself, won both the audience award and jury prize at last week's BAFTA/LA Student Film Awards, [Variety reports](#).
- In more award news, the romantic drama *Hide and Seek* won the Edinburgh Film Festival's top prize, the Michael Powell award for best British feature, according to [The Guardian](#). The movie, about four young friends who flee London to start a utopian, partner-swapping commune, was co-written and produced by former Austinite/UT alum/Alamo Drafthouse programmer [Daniel Metz](#) ([Elizabeth's interview](#)), who also produced one of the *Slacker 2011* segments.
- Finally, Alamo Drafthouse Cinema has announced plans to open its [first location in Nebraska](#) sometime next year.

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