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Here's the latest Austin film news:

- The Paramount Theatre kicks off its [Summer Classic Film Series](#) with an opening-night party and a double feature on Friday, May 23. Traditional Paramount opener *Casablanca* and Woody Allen's romantic dramedy *Annie Hall* will screen. The complete summer lineup will be announced on May 16.
- Texas filmmaker [Amy Seimet](#)'s ([our interview](#)) dramatic thriller *Sun Don't Shine* ([Don's review](#)), which premiered at SXSW 2012, is out now on VOD, iTunes and Amazon, among other digital platforms, [according to the film's distributor](#). Factory 25. *Sun Don't Shine*, about a couple who takes a mysterious road trip through central Florida, stars Austin-based actors [AJ Bowen](#) (*Grow Up*, *Tony Phillips*) and [Mark Reeb](#), as well as Houston-based actress [Kit Gwen](#).
- The Austin-shot film *blacktino* ([Chip's review](#)) is now available to rent as a Vimeo download. The dark teen comedy, about an overweight nerd trying to find his place in the world, premiered at SXSW 2011 and is the feature debut by local filmmaker [Aaron Burns](#).
- No summer plans? Why not go on a scavenger hunt for some of Austin's most famous movie locations that are open to the public. [Citysearch](#) has made it easier with its guide, which includes the Texas School for the Deaf, forever immortalized as Herrington High in Austin filmmaker [Robert Rodriguez's](#) late-'90s teen horror flick *The Faculty*. Alien teachers may no longer run amok, but the beautiful campus still stands intact.
- Austin-based filmmaker [Joe Nicolosi](#), known for his Lego reenactment of *Star Wars* and psychedelic live-action story of Super Mario and Luigi that served as a SXSW 2012 bumper, has done it again, reports [Austin Movie Blog](#). Nicolosi turned a conversation he had with his mother about the film *The Matrix* into an animated short. Check out the results below.



- It may seem like Willie Nelson's done it all: musician, actor, author and activist. But at 80, there are still some things Nelson wishes he could do ... like be a wizard, according to [The Austin Chronicle](#). The most obvious choice to help make his wish come true was to audition for the role of Gandalf in *The Hobbit 2*. The results are magical.

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