

# Arkansas Film Connections

*A Cinematic Web Project Showcasing Arkansas Film Culture*

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# Client Background

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- Self-directed project
- Focus on Arkansas film culture
- Goal: modern, user-friendly film website

# Problem Definition

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- Film information scattered across websites
- No Arkansas-focused film discovery hub
- Users struggle to find state-connected films

# Project Analysis

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- Users want clarity + simplicity
- Consistent visual layout improves UX
- Lightweight structure suits GitHub Pages

# System & Design Choices

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- HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Cinematic dark theme design
- Card-based film layout

# Home Page Screenshot

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DRAMA

**Sling Blade (1996)**

Written, directed, and headlined by Billy Bob Thornton, this film follows Karl Childers after his release from a psychiatric hospital as he tries to adjust to small-town life.

**Arkansas connection:** Thornton is from Arkansas, and the film was shot in the state. It also earned him an Academy Award.

Billy Bob Thornton Academy Award

DRAMA

**Mud (2012)**

Two boys growing up along the Mississippi River discover a fugitive named Mud hiding on a river island. As they help him, they are pulled into his complicated past.

**Arkansas connection:** Filmed in Arkansas and tied to actor Wes Bentley's career, this movie brought more attention to Arkansas riverfront locations.

Wes Bentley Filmed in Arkansas

ROMANTIC COMEDY / DRAMA

**Chasing Amy (1997)**

A story about relationships, friendship, and identity in the comic book industry. Joey Lauren Adams plays a key lead role that helped shape her career.

**Arkansas connection:** Adams is an Arkansas native and was widely praised for her performance in this film.

Joey Lauren Adams Arkansas Native

# Featured Section Screenshot

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Cast & crew · User reviews · Trivia · FAQ IMDbPro All topics

## Chasing Amy

1997 · R · 1h 53m

IMDb RATING 7.2/10 147K YOUR RATING Rate POPULARITY 4,988 - 345

3 VIDEOS

99+ PHOTOS

Romantic Comedy Comedy Drama Romance

STREAMING RENT/BUY

# Films Grid Screenshot

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<!-- Mud -->
<article class="card">
  <p class="badge">Drama</p>
  <a href="https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1935179/" target="_blank">
    
  </a>
  <h3>Mud (2012)</h3>
  <p class="muted">
    Two boys growing up along the Mississippi River discover a fugitive named Mud hiding on a river island.
    As they help him, they are pulled into his complicated past.
  </p>
  <p class="film-meta">
    <strong>Arkansas connection:</strong> Filmed in Arkansas and tied to actor Wes Bentley's career,
    this movie brought more attention to Arkansas riverfront locations.
  </p>
  <p class="film-meta">
    <span class="tag">Wes Bentley</span>
    <span class="tag">Filmed in Arkansas</span>
  </p>
</article>

<!-- Chasing Amy -->
<article class="card">
  <p class="badge">Romantic Comedy / Drama</p>
  <a href="https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0118842/" target="_blank">
    
  </a>
  <h3>Chasing Amy (1997)</h3>
  <p class="muted">
    A story about relationships, friendship, and identity in the comic book industry. Joey Lauren Adams
    plays a key lead role that helped shape her career.
  </p>
  <p class="film-meta">
    <strong>Arkansas connection:</strong> Adams is an Arkansas native and was widely praised for her
    performance in this film.
  </p>
  <p class="film-meta">
    <span class="tag">Joey Lauren Adams</span>
    <span class="tag">Arkansas Native</span>
  </p>
</article>
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# About Page Screenshot

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BEHIND THE SCENES

## About this project

This project was built over the course of a semester as part of my Capstone 2 class. I started with a simple idea—shine a light on Arkansas films and actors—then broke it down into pages, sections, and data I could actually manage.

From there, I focused on structure first and style second. Once the content was organized, I layered on design choices like gradients, motion, and highlight cards so the site feels like a small movie experience instead of just another list of links.

I prepared this page to be hosted on GitHub so I can point to it as proof that I can plan, design, and ship a complete front-end project on my own—from idea, to layout, to final polish.



# How My Film Links Work

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- Each film card links directly to its official IMDb page
- Keeps the website lightweight and fast
- Ensures accurate film details without copyright issues

# How I Structured Film Cards

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# What This Project Shows About Me

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- Creative project execution
- Independent front-end development
- Research, planning, and deployment

# Technical Skills Strengthened

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- HTML/CSS layout and styling
- UI/UX design principles
- GitHub workflow & version control

# Future Enhancements

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- Search filter options
- Interactive filming-location map
- Custom film detail pages

# Conclusion

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- Solved a real film discovery problem
- Built a polished Arkansas film platform
- Demonstrates growth as a developer

*Thank you for your time!*

<https://github.com/SBurkes84/arkansas-film-connections>