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Slackery News Tidbits: March 31, 2014

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Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- Gravitas Ventures announced that it has acquired native Texan writer-director Matt Muir's Austin-lensed movie Thank You a Lot, which premiered at this year's SXSW. The sale includes North American VOD rights. The company plans to release the drama, about a struggling manager whose job is threatened if he doesn't sign his dad and reclusive Texas country music singer, in June on cable and digital platforms. The filmmakers are planning a summer tour of screenings and music concerts in which musicians that star in the movie will play.
- In more acquisition news, Netflix has acquired the rights to this year's SXSW recipient of the Special Jury Recognition Award for Editing and Storytelling, *Print the Legend*, The Wrap reports. The feature documentary goes behind-thescenes of the top American 3D printing brands as they fight for dominance in the field.
- SXSW acquisition news continues: Magnet Releasing, the genre arm of Magnolia Pictures, has acquired the world rights to *Honeymoon*, which premiered at the fest this year, according to **The Hollywood Reporter**. The thriller follows a young newlywed couple during their visit to a remote cabin in the woods for their honeymoon. Magnet will release the movie later this year, following its screening at next month's Tribeca Film Festival.
- Austin City Council unanimously approved a resolution last week to further investigate some of the issues during this year's SXSW, says KXAN. The goal of this investigation is to gather feedback from the public, stakeholders and participants in an effort to make future changes.
- In more festival news, Jim Brunzell was announced as the new program director of Polari, which, according to The Austin Chronicle, is changing its name back to the Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival (aGLIFF). Brunzell previously lived in Minnesota, where he programmed several fests and film series.
- The nation's first multi-arts queer festival and conference is set to take place in Austin next February, Indiewire reports. OUTsider Film & Arts Festival will host a kick-off event on May 1 at Cheer Up Charlie's called "MayDayGayDay" in honor of the holiday.
- Festival news continues with the announcement that this year's ATX Television
 Festival will be honoring actor Henry Winkler (Happy Days) with the inaugural
 Achievement in Television Excellence Award. In addition, actor-comedian Ray
 Romano will be in attendance during the festival's third season, which takes place
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- Austin filmmaker Robert Rodriguez's From Dusk Till Dawn: The Series, a
 television adaptation of the 1996 cult movie From Dusk Till Dawn, was recently
 renewed for a second season on Rodriguez's new cable network El Rey. A premiere
 has not been scheduled for season two of the Austin-shot series.
- Finally, the Texas premiere of the new indie horror-suspense movie, Meet Me
 There, from Austin-based Greenless Studios, will take place on Tuesday, May 20
 at Alamo Drafthouse Lakeline. The movie, about a young couple who travel to
 the woman's hometown in rural Oklahoma in hopes of better understanding her
 childhood, stars retired professional wrestler and Austin native Dusty Rhodes. The
 trailer for Meet Me There (below) is intended for mature audiences only.

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