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**THE CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL HONORS
ACADEMY AWARD®-WINNER KEVIN KLINE AT
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION GALA**

Kline to Receive Festival's Career Achievement Award Sat., June 28 at
The Four Seasons Hotel

CHICAGO - Celebrating its 50th anniversary of saluting the greatest talents in world cinema, **The Chicago International Film Festival** will honor Academy Award®-winning actor **Kevin Kline** with a Career Achievement Award on Saturday, June 28 at the Four Seasons Hotel, 120 E. Delaware, at a special Summer Gala celebration.

With this award, Kline will join the ranks of many of the film industry's most influential talents through the decades, including past Chicago International Film Festival honorees directors Orson Welles, George Cukor, Oliver Stone, Lord Richard Attenborough, Quentin Tarantino, Robert Zemeckis and Steven Spielberg and actors Gregory Peck, Jack Lemmon, Sigourney Weaver, Liv Ullman, Shirley MacLaine, Faye Dunaway, Morgan Freeman, Clint Eastwood, Michael Douglas, Tom Cruise, Sally Field, Dustin Hoffman and Al Pacino.

"Kevin Kline's ability to transfix movie-goers was evident from his earliest appearances in such celebrated films as 'Sophie's Choice' and 'The Big Chill,'" said Festival Founder and Artistic Director **Michael Kutza**. "As he matured as an actor, the breadth of his talent has been proven over and over again. From his outrageously comedic turns in the award-winning 'A Fish Called Wanda,' 'Dave' and 'In & Out' to the heart-wrenching drama of 'The Ice Storm' and 'Life as a House,' Kevin Kline is one of the most versatile performers of his generation and truly deserving of the Chicago International Film Festival's Career Achievement Award."

The celebratory evening will kick off with a lavish cocktail reception during which guests will browse an array of unique silent auction items, followed by a delectable dinner. The

highlight of the evening will be a conversation with and special tribute to Kline complete with a selection of clips showcasing his most memorable performances.

The Chicago International Film Festival's Summer Gala is a highly anticipated event in Cinema/Chicago and the Chicago International Film Festival's year-round programming. A primary fundraising event for the not-for-profit arts and education organization, profits from the Summer Gala support Cinema/Chicago's Education Outreach Screening Program, which brings more than 6,000 Chicago Public School students to film screenings each year.

About Kevin Kline

Kevin Kline has earned accolades, awards and critical acclaim for his stellar career in theater and film.

Kline's film credits include many of the most memorable films of the past three decades including "Sophie's Choice," "The Big Chill," "Dave," "In & Out," "Soapdish," "Grand Canyon," "Life as a House," "French Kiss," "Cry Freedom," "The Ice Storm," "The Anniversary Party," "Fierce Creatures," "As You Like It," "The Emperor's Club," "A Prairie Home Companion," "Queen to Play," "The Extra Man," "Silverado", "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Darling Companion" and "Last Vegas."

Kline made his Broadway debut in "The Three Sisters." Other credits include "Hamlet," "On the Twentieth Century," "The Pirates of Penzance," "Henry IV," "King Lear," "Richard III," "Henry V," "Measure for Measure," "Much Ado About Nothing," "The Seagull," "Mother Courage and Her Children," "Loose Ends," "Ivanov," "Arms and the Man" and "Cyrano de Bergerac," among others.

Tickets and More Information

The Chicago International Film Festival's Summer Gala honoring Kevin Kline will be Saturday, June 28 at the Four Seasons Hotel, 120 E. Delaware. Tickets are \$400.00 and tables start at \$4,000.00. To purchase tickets or reserve tables, call (312) 683-0121 ext. 131. Additional information is available at chicagofilmfestival.com.

ABOUT CINEMA/CHICAGO

Cinema/Chicago is a not-for-profit arts and education organization dedicated to encouraging better understanding between cultures and to making a positive contribution to the art form of the moving image. The Summer Gala is one of the year-round events presented by Cinema/Chicago, which also include the Chicago International Film Festival, The Television Awards, Intercom Competition, CineYouth Festival, International Screenings Program, Black Perspectives and Education Outreach. The Chicago International Film Festival is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary.

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