



Fwd: *Hey... Are you going to do this Chicago thing... I'll stay in town if you're coming.

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To: steven conrad [redacted]

Subject: Re: *Hey... Are you going to do this Chicago thing... I'll stay in town if you're coming.

hey steve

thanks for doing this. here is something to read:

hello everyone. i'm sorry i couldn't be there to accept this honor from you in person. i hear the weather in chicago is great right now. it is kind of fun to make steve conrad say something i wrote for a change though.

this award is a really cool thing to get for a couple reasons. first of all i am a chicgoan. wherever i am when someone asks me where i am from i always say chicago. no matter where i may be living at the time i am from chicago it will always be my hometown. so to get this award from you means more to me than it would in say new york. not that i've ever been given anything from new york. but still--it ain't chicago.

secondly i think it is really encouraging that chicago has an independent film festival. it's about time that we toot our own horn a bit. chicago has given so much to independent film over the years. from the amazing kartemquin films to facets multimedia to my director and friend steve conrad. here's to more independent voices coming out of chicago.

thank you steve for giving me the beautiful loser richard wehlner and thanks to all of you for noticing him. stay warm and always carry jumper cables.

john c. reilly