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Chi fest to honor Stone

CHICAGO — Oliver Stone has been selected to receive the first Director of the Decade Award from the Chicago Intl. Film Festival.

Stone will receive the award during gala dinner and ceremonies April 24 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers. WBBM-TV news anchor and PBS talent Bill Kurtis will host the event, and film critic Roger Ebert will present the award to Stone. Fest director is Michael Kutza.

Colleagues and friends will introduce clips from Stone's films. The guest list includes Kevin Costner, Michael Douglas, Tom Cruise, Charlie Sheen, Meg Ryan and Kevin Bacon.