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2009 Legendary Landmark Michael Kutza

Michael Kutza is the founder and artistic director of the Annual Chicago International Film Festival, now celebrating his 45th year, and is also an award-winning filmmaker and graphic designer. His awards include “Chevalier de L’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres” awarded by the French Minister of Culture, Jacques Lang, at the Cannes Film Festival; “Silver Lion Award” from the 32nd Venice International Film Festival; *Chicago Sun-Times* Award for “Exceptional Contribution to Chicago”; Roosevelt University Alumni Award; Chicago Drama League Award; *Town & Country* Magazine “Salute to Chicago’s 25 Most Important Cultural Leaders”; “30th Anniversary Award” recognizing his efforts in fostering communication between people of diverse cultures through the Art of Film and Video, presented by Mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley and *Venture* Magazine “Cultural Makers of Chicago Award.”