

**From:** Slowik, Mary  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2012 5:52 PM  
**To:** Berlin, Steve  
**Cc:** Kennedy, David  
**Subject:** Gourmet Chicago

Hi Steve,

I have been provided with a ticket to Gourmet Chicago, an event which I plan to attend this Sunday, September 30. The ticket is being provided by the producers of the event, the Illinois Restaurant Association. The IRA coordinates the food and beverage operation for us at Taste of Chicago. As you know, I am the manager of Taste of Chicago, and would like to see how Gourmet Chicago is set up, what vendors are participating, etc., to hopefully get some great ideas for Taste 2013.

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