

Dear Randy,

I must admit that writing a letter to you is almost like writing a fan letter. I have only seen you in the movies, and like anyone we see on screen, you have become a bit of a movie star to me.

I am writing this fan letter to let you know how deeply touched and effected I was by your participation in *The Broken Mind*. As someone who knows little about Schizophrenia in particular or mental illness in general, *The Broken Mind* was truly an eye-opener for me. Not only because it gave me a glimpse into how people live with Schizophrenia on a daily basis, but because it made me realize that I held preconceived notions about mental illness that I was not aware of. It took a film like *The Broken Mind* to make me aware of my misconceptions, it also allowed me to challenge them, and finally, to erase them.

Above all, it was your personal insight and wisdom into your own trials and successes with Schizophrenia that touched me the most. Certainly there are hard days and dark periods when living with mental illness, but to know that there is always hope, love, acceptance and improvement just around the corner, as you proved in this film, is more inspirational and awesome than even you may know. I cannot put myself in your shoes, nor can I claim to understand even one iota of your experience, but through your involvement in *The Broken Mind* I have learned invaluable lessons about the reality of mental illness and hope to spread this knowledge to others, tearing down one taboo at a time.

Thank you for all the courage, generosity, and humour that you shared with the world through this film.

Best regards,



Michelle Diamond