

MICHIGAN AVENUE

12th Annual One of a Kind Show

Chicago designers stand out at this year's show.

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On December 6-9, more than 600 artists will descend on [The Merchandise Mart](#) (222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 312-527-4141) for the twelfth annual One of a Kind Show and Sale. Though the artisans, jewelry makers, metal workers, photographers, painters, sculptors, and more come from across North America, some are from right here in Chicago. We took a more extensive look at three in particular that we can't wait to see at the show. For a full look at the artists and the show schedule, visit [oneofakindshowchicago.com](#).

[Emmy Star Brown](#), booth 4111

In these eco-friendly times, artists that use salvaged or recycled materials are especially popular. Though Brown also does painted glass, vinyl decals, and even tattoo art, it is her salvaged window works that really stand out. The artist resurrects vintage or discarded window frames and outfits them with abstract, swirled paintings.

[Riggo Design](#), booth 1062

Artist Riggs Barr holds that if he can draw something, he can build it—essentially, there are no limits to what sorts of one-of-a-kind pieces he can create. Barr's metal works are inherently urban, and not just aesthetically. The artist incorporates salvaged metal and industrial parts that he finds around Chicago into many of his pieces.

[Armando Pedroso](#), booth 1097

To call Armando Pedroso a painter would be an understatement. His "leap of faith," graffiti-esque works are created with acrylic paint, but layered with roofing tar, plaster, copper, rust, resin, and an array of found objects. The mixed-media approach results in an overly textured, almost three-dimensional piece of art.

—Elle Eichinger