



Holiday gift hunting at the One of a Kind Show

**DEC. 9-8**  
**Gifts You'd Like to Get**

When an ordinary gift just won't do, hit the **One of a Kind Show** at the Merchandise Mart and wrap up your holiday shopping with stand-out presents handcrafted by more than 600 juried artists from across the U.S. and Canada. Unique items come in all price points and categories including ceramics, clothing, glass, toys, paintings, sculpture, gourmet foodstuffs and jewelry like fairytale-inspired pieces by Niki Fisk (shown above). In between browsing, catch a fashion show or a best-of Pottery's musicians; attend one of the many 20-minute artist talks; or create some DIY items in the Toyota Retreat, which also sends you home with a silk screen tote bag made to order by an on-site silk screen printer. At the Etsy Artist Pavilion, 29 new artists give the juried pros a run for their money.

Th and F 11 am-8 pm; Sa 10 am-7 pm; Su 10 am-5 pm. Tickets \$12; children 12 and under free. A portion of ticket sales benefits the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, 322 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, [www.oneofakindshowchicago.com](http://www.oneofakindshowchicago.com)

**Where to Eat** **FOGO DE CHAD** because you'll need to fuel up for so much shopping and this Southern Brazilian barbecue is what we're talking about. 401 N. LaSalle Blvd., 312.592.9339  
**Where to Drink** **MAD'S CANTINA** for a lively atmosphere, Mexican specialties and cocktails like the **CHANGEBLUT** (10.75) with a blend of agave and vodka. 1036 LaSalle, 312.461.2900, [www.madsbar.com](http://www.madsbar.com)

**DEC. 9-28**  
**OFFER BALLETS NUTCRACKER** This timeless classic for all ages features the memorable Tchaikovsky score performed live. Tickets \$15-\$22. Auditorium Theatre, 20 E. Congress Pkwy., 800.982.2767, [www.pff.org](http://www.pff.org)

**DEC. 9**  
**JINGLE BALL** Robin Thicke, Ch'N Brown, Jimmy Fallon and Jeff Lagina are among the headliners of what might be the greatest concert lineup this season. Tickets start at \$30.00. United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., [www.103.5radio.com/jingleball2013](http://www.103.5radio.com/jingleball2013)

**DEC. 13-22**  
**REDMOON WRITER PAGEANT** For its new original show, Redmoon Theatre combines its distinctive style with The Robbingy Center for Indian Performing Arts and surf rock band San Andres Hall. Tickets \$20; children \$10; students with ID \$12.50. 3 and Under Free, 2100 S. Jefferson St., [www.redmoon.org](http://www.redmoon.org)

**THROUGH DEC. 15**  
**ELF THE MUSICAL** In this musical version of the hit film *Elf*, Buddy (Chris Egan) returns to New York City, where he saves Christmas with his cheerful outlook on life. Tickets \$18-\$90. Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St., 800.775.2800, [www.broadwaychicago.com](http://www.broadwaychicago.com)

**DEC. 14-23**  
**CSO** Welcome the New holiday season in complete without carols and sing-along seasonal tunes. Join the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for just that, and a few surprises too. Tickets \$35-\$125. [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)

**THROUGH JAN. 5**  
**ZOO LIGHTS** One of Chicago's favorite warm-weather destinations becomes a winter wonderland with its annual annual-themed light display. New this year is the ice skating rink, recurring live performances and gift shops. 3 Seneca. Fri. through Dec. 18, nightly Dec. 20-Jan. 5 (closed Dec. 24, 25). Ice skating noon-9 pm daily through March 3. Free (donating \$5 skate rental \$5). [www.cpsc.org](http://www.cpsc.org)

**THROUGH JAN. 5**  
**SNOW MUCH FUN** Kids can play all day in the snow at the Chicago Children's Museum's popular—and newly expanded—winter exhibit, which sports an ice rink, sculptures and games. Free with regular admission. [www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org](http://www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org)