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ONE OF A KIND SHOW AND SALE® CHICAGO IS GEARING UP FOR ITS 15TH ANNUAL EDITION, PRESENTING UNIQUE, HANDMADE GIFTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

More Than 600 Artists to Show December 3-6 at Chicago's Merchandise Mart

CHICAGO – One of the most eagerly awaited shopping events of the year, the **One of a Kind Show and Sale® Chicago** will return for the 15th annual edition December 3-6. Chicago's historic Merchandise Mart (222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza) will be transformed into a gift-seeker's paradise, with more than 600 juried artists from North America and Europe offering unique, handmade pieces in a wide array of media and at a wide range of price points. With surprises and delights around every corner, the four-day show has become a "must-do" event in Chicago, thanks to the diversity and quality of the available work, as well as the event's kinetic, festive energy. Every shopper is certain to find something extraordinary for themselves and everyone on their gift list at the One of a Kind Show.

Offerings for shoppers will include items in the following categories: accessories, ceramics, fashion, fiber art, furniture, glass, gourmet, holiday, jewelry, kids, metal, mixed media, painting, paper, photography, sculpture and wood. Artists will be on-hand to provide shoppers with direct insight into their techniques and artistic inspirations and some will also present special demonstrations.

"The One of a Kind Show Chicago has earned a reputation as one of the finest shows of its type in North America," said Lisa Simonian, Vice President of Marketing. "Each year, we get hundreds of new artists hoping to be included. This year, the show will include many of the most popular exhibitors from past shows, as well as a lot of great, fresh work from new artists."

Attended annually by more than 65,000 patrons, show visitors will enjoy the excitement and energy of an outdoor festival in the comfort and warmth of the roomy Merchandise Mart show floor. Fashion shows featuring artist-designed apparel will be a must-see at this year's event. Potbelly will once again offer live performances by local musicians to further enhance shoppers experience and fun at the One of a Kind Show. The popular **Etsy Artist Pavilion** will once more be open for shoppers to buy Etsy seller's pieces that are normally found exclusively online. Gourmands and foodies will relish the show's abundant gourmet offerings.

The One of a Kind Show offers accommodating services and amenities to make each shopper's visit more enjoyable. Those who wish to preview this year's work can browse the website's [Artist Locator](#) tab and plot out their visit in advance. Coat and package check is available as

well as an onsite shipping service for shoppers wishing to send packages directly to their friends and family.

Tickets for the show are now on sale for \$12 online at www.oneofakindshowchicago.com. The ticket includes access to all four days. A portion of all ticket sales will benefit the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital.

Schedule and Ticket Information

The One of a Kind Show and Sale® Chicago will take place December 3 and 4 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., December 5 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and December 6 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Merchandise Mart, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7th Floor, Chicago, IL. Tickets are \$12 for adults, children 12 and under are free. Special ticket packages are also available. A portion of all ticket sales will benefit Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. For tickets or more information, call (800) 677-MART (6278) or visit www.oneofakindshowchicago.com.

About Merchandise Mart

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