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NEW ARTISTS AND MAKERS JOINING THE 2nd ANNUAL ONE OF A KIND SPRING SHOW
Featuring new and up-and-coming exhibitors April 28-30 at The Mart

CHICAGO – March 8, 2017 – The second annual One of a Kind Spring Show is bringing a wave of fresh, new talent to The Mart. From April 28-30, attendees will enjoy a unique, Spring-oriented shopping experience, alongside 300 talented artists and makers.

More than half of the artists at this year's Spring Show are first time exhibitors to the One of a Kind Show and 30 of these will be featured as a part of the show's Emerging Market. The Emerging Market is a showcase of burgeoning artists—those with less than 3 years of full time experience. "It is our great pleasure to provide a platform for these emerging artists," said Aida Sarvan, Marketing Director of One of a Kind Show. "We are thrilled that there has been such great interest from a unique group of new and emerging artists to participate in the Spring show."

A variety of media and categories will be showcased by these new artists including fashion, jewelry, artwork, home goods and accessories, gourmet foods, and bath/body, giving shoppers a wide range of options and a one-of a-kind experience.

A snapshot of some of the new and emerging artists can be found below. More information about these artists can be found [here](#).

The One of a Kind Spring Show takes place at The Mart, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7th Floor, April 28-30. For tickets or more information, visit www.oneofakindshowchicago.com.



Bee Lovely Botanicals, LLC

Artist Name: Jodie Kieliszewski

Location: Unionville, MI

Medium: Bath and Body

Materials: Beeswax, honey, pollen, and naturally treated hives.

"We are a family run honey bee farm. We treat our hives naturally, and make awesome beeswax skincare and honey soap sourcing ingredients from our own hives. We also sell our raw and infused honey, of course."



Wicked Gourmet Accents

Artist Name: Ellis Burrows

Location: Oakville, Canada

Medium: Gourmet Foods

Materials: Domestic and imported ingredients.

Wicked Gourmet was created in 1998 with the sole purpose of bringing a range of delicious gourmet products directly to consumers. The philosophy is simple: "You don't know how good our product is until you taste it!" At Wicked Gourmet, it's all about flavor and taste. The goal is customer satisfaction.



Sweet Home Wiscago

Artist Name: Catie Lutsey

Location: Chicago, IL

Medium: Wood

Materials: Wood, paint, stain, glue and nails.

Catie is physical therapist, wife and mom by day and woodworker in her free time. She's a lifelong nerd, loving math, music and anything with pattern and has found great joy in making mosaics with wood. She enjoys spending time gathering ideas from nature, textiles and the urban world around her to create unique and functional works of art.



Prophet Gypsy Robot

Artist Name: Jamie Tubbs

Location: Chicago, IL

Medium: Fiber Art

Materials: Textiles, fiber, wood.

PGR is textile artist Jamie Tubbs, selling original works of art made from textile, fiber and wood, re-envisioning traditional craft skills to make large scale, interior design driven pieces. She values repurposing materials into new forms, and elevating artisan craft skills for today's design palette. She is inspired by playing with scale, color, zero waste and fiber art methods.



Red Staggerwing

Artist Name: Lisa DeMio

Location: Hampstead, NH

Medium: Accessories

Materials: Handprinted linen canvas, leather and cotton.

Red Staggerwing is a collection of colorful carry accessories, designed for everyday use. Featuring handprinted linen, waxed canvas, leather and cotton, the classic designs let the quality materials and careful craftsmanship shine through. Handcrafted one at a time in my New Hampshire studio.



Jannet Haitas

Artist Name: Jannet Haitas

Location: Toronto, Canada

Medium: Mixed Media

Materials: Pigmented wax, photos, India ink

"My work is an expression of where I am, mirroring my inner landscape and reminding me to stay present. I use painting as a tool for letting go, creating a space to play, and honoring my intuition. My purpose for painting is for connection. It is to touch the hearts of many while adding beauty to the everyday. It is to serve as a reminder to stop and pay attention to the small things that make us happy."



Jack Magurany Fine Art

Artist Name: Jack Magurany

Location: North Aurora, IL

Medium: Painting/2D

Magurany's true passion and self-expression comes from being a painter. For him, painting is a way to explore the relationships between various color harmonies and surface textures. His acrylic paintings explore the interaction of color, composition and representation of a subject to convey a meaningful experience. With the use of large brushes, trowels, and pallet knives Magurany makes broad spontaneous marks on the canvas to create texture, emotion and enthusiasm to the painting.



Scratch Goods

Artist Name: Maureen McClure

Location: Chicago, IL

Medium: Bath and Body

Materials: Non-comedogenic vegetable oils, clay powders, sugars, Epsom salt, essential oils and coffee.

Scratch Goods began out of a personal need for natural, affordable skincare after co-founders Maureen and Elizabeth realized that all their personal care products were laden with questionable ingredients. They decided to rebuild their own personal care regimen from scratch using food-grade ingredients that are safe enough to eat, fragrance from pure essential oils only, and zero water.



Amy Zwickel Studio

Artist Name: Amy Zwickel

Location: Chicago, IL

Medium: Fiber Art

Materials: 100% cotton rope, beads, leather, metal and wood.

Amy is a well-rounded artist and designer with experience in all forms of art as well as art education. She earned a BFA in Industrial Design from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in 2007 and later went on to earn an MAT in Art Education from Columbia College Chicago in 2011. Amy worked as a graphic designer and high school art teacher for several years. She is focusing on her artwork, specifically macramé wall hangings, plant hangings and other unique home decor pieces.



Kelsey Grape

Artist Name: Kelsey Larsen

Location: Frankenmuth, MI

Medium: Jewelry

Materials: Filigree wire, fine silver, sterling silver, 14k gold, gold fill and natural stones.

Kelsey Larsen is a studio jeweler based in Michigan. Her jewelry is all hand-crafted using the ancient process of fine silver filigree. Her collection is focused on creating a balance between ancient technique and modern design. By pairing intricate filigree work with geometric designs, Kelsey brings focus to the filigree wire while maintaining a clean modern aesthetic.



Green Blanky Studio

Artist Name: John Simpson and Lauren Stegeman

Location: Brevard, North Carolina

Medium: Painting

The Green Blanky Studio team aims to create products that are inspired by relationships and experiences, products that are whimsical and fun, products that inspire adventure and excitement, products that come from a deep sense of love and appreciation. Green Blanky Studio loves the process and experience of creating each of its pieces.



Lille Huset

Artist Name: Alyson Beaton

Location: Chicago, IL

Medium: Home Goods

“My fabrics and designs are influenced by my Norwegian half, being elegantly simple, and my Italian half, with warmth of tradition and embedded meaning. I find great inspiration in the richness of urban neighborhoods and the idea of living small. All that I have designed over the years is a result of this philosophy that I have created around my company. As a designer, I search for the best high quality materials, that I would want to use every day and embedded in all of the designs, you will find a story, giving meaning to the items you bring into your home.”



Steam 33

Artist Name: Johnnie Grinder

Location: Saint Helens, OR

Medium: Painting

Materials: Acrylic

Johnnie Grinder is a nomadic artist best known for his pipe structures that symbolically connect memories, dreams, experiences, and knowledge. His work is most often acrylic on canvas as he works on creating narrative landscapes. These narrative landscapes are often biographical, dystopian, transformational, dreamy, and surreal worlds. Words and symbols are used in his art as neuro-linguistic tools of transformation or as an enhanced level of creative visualization.

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR

The One of a Kind Spring Show Schedule and Ticket Information

Hours are as follows:

April 28 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

April 29 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

April 30 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, children 12 and under are free. Special ticket packages are also available. For tickets or more information, visit www.oneofakindshowchicago.com.

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About theMART

The One of a Kind Show is produced by theMart.

One of the largest commercial buildings in the world, the 4.2 million SF. Merchandise Mart (theMART) is located in Chicago, IL along the Chicago River. Completed in 1930, the building continues to meet the changing needs of the office and showroom businesses it serves. As a Gold-EB OEM LEED certified building, theMART is committed to creating and maintaining sustainable environments.

TheMART is owned by New York-based Vornado Realty Trust, a fully integrated, publicly traded, real estate investment trust (REIT) and one of the largest owners and managers of commercial real estate in the United States with a portfolio of over 60 million SF.