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ONE OF A KIND SHOW AND SALE® CHICAGO HOSTS FEATURED ARTISTS FACEBOOK CONTEST OFFERING FANS THE CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF SEVEN ARTIST’S ORIGINAL CREATIONS

Enter For A Chance To Win New Prizes Weekly, Including Jewelry, Beauty Products, Clothing and Delicious Treats

CHICAGO—The **One of a Kind Show and Sale Chicago** returns to The Merchandise Mart (222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza) for the 13th year from December 5-8. Fans are invited to visit the fair’s Facebook page for the opportunity to win one of seven prizes donated by some of this year’s most popular vendors.

The 2013 **Featured Artist Series**, which continues through November 29, allows fans to participate in a weekly contest that features prizes from an array of artists from across the country. Artists include: Lily Dawson Designs, PASTE, Abbey Brown Soap Artisan, JO Snow Syrups, KraeO, Eric Grimes and Francesco Pasta. For more information about the contests and for a chance to enter and win, please visit:

www.Facebook.com/OOAKChicago

Artists that will be represented in this year’s Featured Artists Series include:

PASTE

Mixed Media T-Shirt

Contest Dates: Oct. 21- 25



T-Shirt by PASTE

Brooklyn-based silkscreen artist Jason Laurits has earned widespread acclaim for his bold graphic designs featured on t-shirts, swim trunks and novelty items. His work has been featured in the New York Times, Time Out New York, Antenna Magazine, WWD and Apparel News. For more information please visit: www.pasteusa.com

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**In the Loop Olive Oil Soap and Soy
Candle by Abbey Brown Soap
Artisan**

Abbey Brown Soap Artisan

Olive Oil Soap and Soy Candle

Contest Dates: Oct. 28-Nov. 1

It's time to take a moment to relax. This gift set from Abbey Brown Soap Artisan includes the "In the Loop" olive oil soap and soy candle, featuring the delicious scent of chocolate and vanilla, wrapped in graphic Chicago-themed packaging and gift box. All of Abbey Brown's products are handmade in small batches in Chicago, using all natural ingredients and pure essential oils. Abbey Brown offers a wide array of products from salt soaks, shea butters, lip balms, body oils and more. She also teaches classes to those interested in learning the art of soap making. www.abbeybrown.com



**Holiday Syrups by Jo
Snow Syrup**

Jo Snow Syrup

Selection of Holiday Syrups

Contest Dates: Nov. 4 - 8

Jo Snow Syrups are hand crafted all natural syrups for coffee, cocktails and sodas. Founder Mellissa Yen makes each syrup using organic cane sugar, herbs and spices. This trio includes the new holiday flavors: Peppermint Twist, Christmas in a Cup and GingerSNAP! All are perfect for spicing up coffee, hot chocolate, tea and eggnog. For more information please visit: www.josnowsyrups.com



**Hand-knit Scarf by KraeO Scarves +
Accessories**

KraeO Scarves + Accessories

Hand-knit Scarf

Contest Dates: Nov. 11 - 15

Kristin Oldach, founder of KraeO Scarves, creates all of her handmade knits in Chicago. The Boston native's custom creations can be made to order in an array of colors and styles unique to consumers' taste. The warm snuggly accessories that will make wearers excited to brave the cold winter months include hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and more. For more information please visit: www.KreO.com

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Wood Art by Eric Grimes

Eric Grimes

Wood Art

Contest Dates: Nov. 18 - 22

Eric Grimes' focuses creating art while having as little impact on the environment as possible, using only reclaimed materials and pieces that are otherwise unwanted. Character-filled scraps of wood are saved from the trash and transformed into unique little boxes and fantastic art. His primary material is old lumber removed from Chicago homes and businesses, trees that have fallen for natural reasons, or invasive species. For more information please visit: www.ericgrimes.net



Sandals by Francesco Pasta

Francesco Pasta

Sandals

Contest Dates: Nov. 25 - 29

Direct from the Italian island of Capri, these handmade sandals have been crafted for the same way for more than 100 years. The artist uses high-quality materials including genuine Italian leather, snakeskin, Swarovski crystals and more.

A double Barrel Bracelet created by Lily Dawson Designs was awarded to the first winner on Oct. 18.

One of a Kind Show and Sale returns to Chicago December 5-8, 2013 at the Merchandise Mart (222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza) with more than 600 juried artists, craftspeople and designers from across North America showcasing their imaginative, handmade creations. At the show, shoppers will find something for everyone on their holiday list while having the opportunity to meet the artists as they browse the best in art and craft.

As a highlighted feature of the show, the popular **ETSY New Artist Pavilion**, featuring 29 ETSY sellers, once again offers an opportunity for up-and-coming artists and craftspeople to showcase their work.

The One of a Kind Show encompasses a variety of media and categories at a wide range of price points including: accessories, ceramics, fashion, fiber art, furniture, glass, gourmet, holiday, jewelry, kids, metal, mixed media, painting, paper, photography, sculpture and wood. Tickets are \$12, children 12 and under are free. A portion of all ticket sales will benefit Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. For tickets and more information please visit: www.oneofakindshowchicago.com.

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About The Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc

Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc., a division of Vornado Realty Trust, is a leading owner and operator of integrated showroom & office buildings and trade show facilities, bringing buyers and sellers together through market events, trade and consumer shows and conferences each year.

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