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**ONE OF A KIND SHOW AND SALE® CHICAGO RETURNS DECEMBER 5-8
FOR CHICAGO'S MOST UNIQUE HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXPERIENCE**

Merchandise Mart Offers Preview of New and Returning Juried
Artists for the 13th Annual Show

CHICAGO—The 13th annual **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.

Some of the major categories that will be represented at this year's One of a Kind Show are:

Art



**"Starry Night" painting by
Deva Suckerman**

Art

An extensive array of art will be available at the show. **Deva Suckerman** finds beauty in objects that have been discarded with her peaceful paintings, created on remnant wood. Using material that is raw, weathered, or flawed in some way, **Suckerman** breathes new life into these reclaimed items. **Second Chance Art and Accessories** will inspire new ideas for the home with cozy pieces created from salvaged or vintage materials that make for great wall art and home decor. Shoppers will be impressed with **Kirsten Bowen's** textural abstract paintings that embody elements of the artist's own life – both the soulful side, and the quirky.

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Handbag by Evon Cassier

Fashion

Evon Cassier gives new purpose to old material and vintage clothing with her custom collection. She has a passion for rescuing high-quality items from thrift stores and repurposing them into meaningful, functional handbags. **Thomas Leather Studios** will awe attendees with a variety of accessories from bags to belts. The soft handcrafted leather makes the product a perfect purchase for the high-quality seeker.

Furniture



Table by Rail Yard Studios

Furniture

Rail Yard Studios will feature one-of-kind custom furniture made from historical, century-old railroad steel and hardwood timbers. The father-and-son pair behind the company makes sure that every piece is a uniquely created work of art made from 100% American materials. **Big Button Upholstery** will bring antique and vintage furniture that has been meticulously restored and revived by master craftsmen using the traditional techniques of fine English upholstery. Their pieces are perfect for anyone who appreciates vintage charm.



Chocolates by Mayana Chocolate

Gourmet

Gourmet Blends will provide delicious balsamic vinegar and oil flavors for every palate, a great gift for the chef of the family. **Amy Peterson's Chocolate** will bring their famous Heavenly Clusters, which are the perfect blend of almond toffee, caramel and pecans. Fashion lovers with a sweet tooth do not want to pass up **Mayana Chocolate**, which focuses its attention on style and flavor when making its product. **Jo Snow Syrups** is a gourmet product that makes hand-crafted syrups perfect for any cocktail, coffee, soda or snow cone.



Shadowbox Collection by Niki Fisk

Jewelry

From the natural, repurposed wood designs by **Gustav Reyes** to the couture suede pieces by **Alicia P.**, shoppers can be sure to find a broad collection of jewelry at the One of a Kind Show and Sale. **Peggy Skemp** will feature her handmade collection which was voted "Best Jewelry in Chicago" by *Chicago Reader*, and **Niki Fisk**, who draws inspiration from fairytales, literature and music, will present her intricate, sterling silver shadowbox collection. Flea market junkie, **Connie Verrusio** will bring her radical jewelry pieces which she forms out of old hardware including old nails and scrap wire.



Wooden Toy by Mote Design

Unique Items

Shoppers can spend time looking at other unique items and objects provided by vendors. **Mote Design** focuses on kids with wooden toys and small sculptures that are cut of poplar wood, painted and sealed right here in Chicago. **Nicolet**, a candle company that also makes its product locally, will enlighten the senses with her irresistible candle aromas. The designers at **Modern Quilt Studio** will highlight their blankets and quilts which have a variety of cozy textures and vibrant patterns.

For additional information about these artists and more please visit: www.oneofakindshowchicago.com.

About 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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