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## THE ONE OF A KIND HOLIDAY SHOW ANNOUNCES 2018 DATES: DECEMBER 6-9



*Featuring More Than 600 Unique Artists and Makers, The Mart's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Show will Offer an Unmatched Selection of Notable Fine Goods, Holiday Buys, and Entertainment*

**CHICAGO (September 2018)** – Where else can you attend fashion runway shows, listen to talented musicians, add to your fine art collection, indulge at a gourmet market, *and* get all of your holiday shopping finished--all in one place? The 18th annual **One of a Kind Holiday Show®** is making its return to The Mart, 222 W Merchandise Mart Plaza, December 6-9, 2018. Featuring more than 600 independent artists from across North America and beyond, the One of a Kind Show will simplify holiday gifting with a wide range of unique and eclectic offerings.

During the One of a Kind Show, shoppers will have the opportunity to meet and engage with participating artists to learn about them, their creative process and their work. From accessories, bath & body, ceramics, fashion, fiber art, furniture, glass, gourmet goods, and holiday products, to home goods, jewelry, kids, metal, mixed media, paintings, paper, pet products, photography, sculpture and wood, there is a category of art, gifts, or goods for every shopper.

“We are incredibly honored to bring the One of a Kind Show back for its eighteenth year, as the event has become a holiday tradition for so many of our guests,” said Lisa Simonian, Vice President of Marketing, at The Mart. “Shoppers have come to trust that the experience will be an entirely unique one year after year and we carefully select our artisans to ensure just that.”

In addition to exceptional entertainment such as daily fashion shows and live performances by local musicians, The One of a Kind Show features an “emerging artists” section, showcasing 40 up-and-coming artists and makers, new to the show.

“Bringing in new talent is an important element to our show, and one that returning shoppers especially enjoy and appreciate,” said Aida Sarvan, Marketing Director of One of a Kind Show. “Our show offers an ideal platform for both new and existing artists, and it is great to see our shoppers connect with artists, and build new relationships.”

The One of a Kind Show will be open 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Thursday, December 6; 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday, December 7; 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday, December 9; and 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, December 9. Tickets are \$12 per adult and provide entry for all 4 days. Special ticket packages and offers are available. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.oneofakindshowchicago.com](http://www.oneofakindshowchicago.com).

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### **About The One of a Kind Holiday Show**

The One of a Kind Holiday Show® Chicago takes place at The Mart, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7th Floor, December 6 - 9. For tickets or more information, visit: <http://oneofakindshowchicago.com/>.

Hours are as follows:

December 6 and 8 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

December 7 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

December 8 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

December 9 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 per adult and provide entry for all 4 days. 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, visit [www.oneofakindshowchicago.com](http://www.oneofakindshowchicago.com).

For the latest press releases, facts, photos and videos, visit the [online pressroom](#). For news and real-time updates, follow The One of a Kind Show on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

### **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.