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THE ONE OF A KIND SHOW RETURNS TO THE MART FOR ITS 6TH ANNUAL SPRING EVENT, FEATURING 300 ARTISTS & MAKERS FROM ACROSS NORTH AMERICA APRIL 29-MAY 1



300 Artists and Makers from Across North America Will Bring Their Unique Artwork and Goods to the MART This Spring for the Return of One of Chicago's Favorite Shopping Destinations

CHICAGO (February 2022) –The 6th Annual One of a Kind Spring Show and Sale® Chicago has announced a return to theMART, 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7th Floor, for an in-person show Friday, April 29 through Sunday, May 1 featuring 300 talented artists and makers. The event offers the perfect opportunity to get ahead of Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduation Day gifting as shoppers will delight in finding thousands of remarkable handmade pieces, spanning 20 categories including everything from fine art to jewelry, fashion design, photography and more. A lively event celebrating the creative community, this year's show will be entertainment-filled with live music, gourmet cafés, hands-on workshops and more to enjoy throughout the weekend, with further details to be announced. Tickets are \$10/day and will be available on the One of a Kind Show website starting March 3.

"After a long, chilly Chicago Winter, we are so excited to bring the Spring show back to Chicago, offering our attendees the perfect opportunity to celebrate the changing of seasons while showing support for the incredible independent artist community in a fun, interactive way." said Kathleen Hogan, Director of Sales for the One of a Kind Show. "For the Spring show, we are thrilled to be welcoming a curated selection of talented artists, designers and makers, including a variety of up-and-comers that will be showcasing for the first time in our popular Emerging Artist Market. We love introducing new makers to Chicago's vibrant art scene. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with show artists, shop their work and learn about their processes, motivations and inspirations behind their work. We look forward to connecting with everyone!"

Offerings that will be available at the **One of a Kind Spring Show** are simply unmatched, with categories including fine art, ceramics, mixed media, fashion, furniture, fiber art, jewelry, gourmet goods, pet products, photography, accessories, bath and body, children's products, home goods and more. Entertainment will fill the show floor throughout the weekend with live music, hands-on workshops provided by local arts organization and show partner Marwen, a section featuring emerging food entrepreneurs, sponsored by The Hatchery, Chicago's premier food and beverage business incubator, gourmet cafés with a variety of eats and treats to indulge in while shopping and more.

The **One of a Kind Spring Show** will be adhering to local, state and federal guidelines as they pertain to COVID-19 at the time of the show. Information and updates will be available on the show's website. The show will be open to the public Friday and Saturday from 10 am - 7 pm, and on Sunday from 10 am - 5 pm. Once live, tickets for each day of the show will be available for purchase online for \$10 each. Admission is free for children 12 and under. For more information, please visit www.oneofakindshowchicago.com.

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The One of a Kind Spring Show® Chicago takes place at The Mart, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7th Floor, April 29 – May 1, 2022. For tickets or more information, visit: http://oneofakindshowchicago.com/.

Hours are as follows:

Friday, April 29: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 30: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 1: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For tickets or more information, visit 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

theMART (formerly The Merchandise Mart), located in the center of the sought-after River North submarket, is interwoven into the fabric of Chicago as an innovator in business, technology, culture, art, media and more. It is one of the world's leading commercial buildings, wholesale design centers and the preeminent international business location in Chicago. Encompassing 4.2 million gross square feet, theMART spans two city blocks, rises 25 stories, and is visited by an average of 30,000 people each business day and nearly 10 million people annually. Offering continuous innovation and creativity from leading manufacturers and design forward showrooms, theMART serves as the home to Chicago's most creative and technologically innovative companies.

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