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### 14TH ANNUAL ONE OF A KIND SHOW AND SALE CHICAGO SHOWCASES WORK BY ARTISTS WITH CAPTIVATING STYLES AND DIVERSE TALENTS FROM ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

Chicago's Most Unique and Artistic Shopping Event Returns to the Iconic Merchandise

Mart December 4-7, 2014 for the Ultimate Gift-Seekers Paradise

CHICAGO - The 14<sup>th</sup> annual **One of a Kind Show and Sale** returns to Chicago December 4-7, 2014 at the Merchandise Mart (222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza) boasting more than 600 juried artists 200 of which will make their debut at the show. As in the past, this year's **One of a Kind Show** encompasses an enormous array of stellar hand-crafted work in a variety of media, categories, and price points. Offerings for shoppers will include: accessories, ceramics, fashion, fiber art, furniture, glass, gourmet, holiday, jewelry, kids, metal, mixed media, painting, paper, photography, sculpture and wood.

While shopping for the perfect gift this holiday season, visitors will also have the opportunity to meet the artists in person to discuss their work and creative inspirations. The One of a Kind show will again feature the popular **Etsy Pavilion**, where attendees can shop the work of 40 Etsy artists whose work is generally only found online. This year, the **Gourmet Gallery** will be expanding, offering shoppers the chance to sample and buy marvelous food items from approximately 30 different vendors, satisfying any gourmand's palate.

This year the **One of a Kind Show Chicago** will feature a **Fine Art Gallery**, a curated exhibition of fine art and sculpture pieces, within the show floor. Show attendees can step into the tranquility of the gallery space, sip wine and lounge while viewing these specially chosen pieces that represent the best in fine art at the **One of a Kind Show.** In addition, fine art pieces can be found throughout the **One of a Kind Show** in a range of media.

#### A preview of the 2014 Fine Art artists:



Icicle Desk Lamp by 3-Switch

#### 3-Switch

Glassware, Lighting and Terrariums

Chicago's own **3-Switch** is the artistic vision of three creative minds: Patrick Fitzpatrick, a designer and prototype engineer, and glass blowers Brett Rogers and Alex Zimmermann. Utilizing a unique technique of glassblowing known as "Swoon Glass," **3-Switch** creates exceptional glassware, eye-catching lighting fixtures and exotic terrariums. <a href="https://www.3-switch.com">www.3-switch.com</a>

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Fin Doll by Cassie Arnold

### Cassie Arnold Art

Mixed Media, Sculptures and Fabrics

Family-inspired and home-crafted, **Cassie Arnold** brings new life to reclaimed and found materials by combining repurposed pieces of timeworn everyday goods with traditional media techniques. The result is an array of creations including 3-D wall art, knit fiber clothing pieces and other wall-hanging pieces Arnold has titled "sculpture houses" and "fin dolls." www.cassiearnoldart.com



**Butterfly by Damien Younce** 

#### **Damien Younce**

Woodworking

As an artist, **Damien Younce** looks to the interworking of the human mind and the mechanisms of memory for his inspiration. Using the volatile interaction of wood and fire to dictate the direction his pieces take, Younce burns images of nature, daily life and human emotion onto wooden planks, mirroring the way the mind burns images into one's subconscious memory. <a href="https://www.damienyounce.com">www.damienyounce.com</a>



**Custom Dinning Set by David Stine** 

### **David Stine Woodworking**

**Custom Hand Crafted Furniture** 

David Stine creates distinctive furniture pieces crafted from sustainable harvested lumber. Stine's designs accentuate the raw, natural and singular beauty of wood with each piece's individual grain, knots and live edges. This year's One of a Kind Show will feature a dining table made especially for this year's show. www.stinewoodworking.com



Delish Handmade Glass by Jeremy and Chelsea Griffith

#### **Delish Handmade Glass**

Hand-blown Functional and Sculptural Glass

Based in Rochester, NY, Jeremy and Chelsea Griffith create uniquely designed and custom hand-blown glass pieces. With the goal to provide customers an easily accessible resource for specialty home décor, Jeremy and Chelsea afford customers an array of functional pieces for the home as well as inspiring glass sculptures. www.delishglass.com

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Red Hot Starry Eyed Cinema Star by Jennifer Lashbrook

#### Jennifer Lashbrook

Art Made of Paint Swatches and Oil Paint

Chicago-born Texas resident **Jennifer Lashbrook** is not an average painter. After learning how to perfect her craft with a brush, Lashbrook found a new way to present her vision – utilizing paint swatches. With incredible precision Lasbrook layers thousands of varying shades of paint swatches, mimicking the strokes of a paint brush, resulting in exceptional canvases that depict some of history's most iconic individuals. www.ienniferlashbrook.com



Chandelier by Kent Youngstrom

## Kryout Arts

Painting and Prints

**Kryout Arts** is the work of painter Kent Youngstrom who puts his zest for life and exploration into all of his work. Featuring handwritten quotes and memory-evoking still images, Youngstrom's paintings and prints tell stories of life and adventure with a mix of inspirational quotes, bright colors and meaningful messages on each canvas. <a href="store.kentyoungstrom.com">store.kentyoungstrom.com</a>



Willoughby

Willoughby Forge Steel and Woodworking

Having long worked as a blacksmith and equestrian farrier, Tom Willoughby became exceptionally skilled at manipulating steel. He blends his metalworking craft with a love of woodworking to create distinctive sculptures inspired by nature and whimsy. <a href="https://www.willoughbyforge.com">www.willoughbyforge.com</a>

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### About The One of a Kind Show and Sale © Chicago

The One of a Kind Show Chicago will take place December 4 and 5 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., December 6 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and December 7 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Merchandise Mart, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL. Tickets are \$12 for adults, children 12 and under are free. A portion of all ticket sales will benefit Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. For tickets or more information, call (800) 677-MART (6278) or visit www.oneofakindshowchicago.com.

#### **About Merchandise Mart**

Vornado Realty Trust | Merchandise Mart, a division of Vornado Realty Trust, is a leading owner and operator of integrated showroom and office buildings, as well as trade show facilities, bringing buyers and sellers together through market events, trade and consumer shows, and conferences each year. We are committed to creating sustainable environments in the properties we manage and the communities we serve. Vornado Realty Trust, based in New York City, is a fully integrated equity real-estate investment trust. Vornado's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and are traded under the symbol VNO.

Media can visit the show's online pressroom at www.oneofakindshowchicago.com/press-room/ to download press releases and announcements. The site also features an image gallery and fast facts. For news, images and real-time information follow One of a Kind Show Chicago on the following social media channels: <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Twitter</u>.

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