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GRAB YOUR SHOPPING BAGS! THE ONE OF A KIND SPRING SHOW RETURNS TO THE MART APRIL 26 – 28



The Mart's 4th Annual Spring Show puts the Spotlight on Talented Artists and Makers from across North America, allowing Shoppers to Experience an Unmatched Selection of Notable Fine Goods, Gifts, and Entertainment

CHICAGO (February 2019) – Bringing over 300 artists and makers together under one roof, the 4th annual **One of a Kind Spring Show**® returns to The Mart, 222 W Merchandise Mart Plaza, April 26 – 28, 2019. Featuring a variety of exceptional work from independent artists from across North America and beyond, the One of a Kind Spring Show will also host exciting fashion runway shows, live music, a gourmet market, and more throughout the weekend.

During the One of a Kind Spring Show, shoppers will have the opportunity to meet and engage with <u>participating artists</u> to learn about them, their creative process and their work. From accessories, bath & body, ceramics, fashion, fiber art, furniture, glass and gourmet goods, 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 everyone. Shoppers can also enjoy the Emerging Market section, which highlights about 20 up-and-coming artists and makers, new to the show.

"We are extremely excited to be bringing back the One of a Kind Spring Show for the fourth year. After a long Chicago winter, our annual show is a great opportunity for shoppers to get out of the house and explore the many offerings the spring show provides," said Lisa Simonian,

Vice President of Marketing, at The Mart. "The spring show has grown with amazing traction, and our shoppers have come to trust that the experience will be entirely unique year to year."

"In addition to exceptional entertainment such as daily fashion shows and live performances by local musicians, our Emerging Market section brings in new talent each year, which is something returning shoppers especially enjoy and appreciate," said Aida Sarvan, Marketing Director of One of a Kind Show. "The show is an incredible vessel for artists to connect with the local community, and for shoppers to find truly unique items that they will cherish for years to come."

The One of a Kind Show will be open 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday, April 26; 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27; and 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, April 28. Tickets are \$12 per adult and provide entry for all three days. Special ticket packages and offers are available. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.oneofakindshowchicago.com.

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About The One of a Kind Holiday Show

The One of a Kind Spring Show[®] Chicago takes place at The Mart, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7th Floor, April 26-28, 2019. For tickets or more information, visit: http://oneofakindshowchicago.com/.

Hours are as follows: April 26, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. April 27, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. April 28, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 per adult and provide entry for all three days. Children 12 and under are free. Special ticket packages are also available For tickets or more information, visit <u>www.oneofakindshowchicago.com</u>.

For the latest press releases, facts, photos and videos, visit the <u>online pressroom</u>. For news and real-time updates, follow the One of a Kind Show on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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. As the largest privately held commercial building in the United States, 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 including Motorola Mobility, 1871, Yelp, PayPal and MATTER, as well as Fortune 500 companies ConAgra, Allstate, Kellogg, Beam Suntory, Grainger and Caterpillar.