

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Although Chicago's lakefront lies just two dozen miles to the east, suburbanites sometimes forget to enjoy the delights of their big city. So this holiday season, gift yourself—and your loved ones—with a day of culture and experiences that are uniquely Chi-Town.

Sure, big-city tickets can be pricey, but be sure to factor these bonuses into the gift-giving equation: Experiential gifts require no dusting, upkeep, or re-gifting, and the memories will last longer than the batteries required of a new gadget (that will likely be abandoned in days). And the reduction of ugly Christmas sweaters and light-up ties in the world? Priceless.

THE MART

222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza

One of a Kind Holiday Show

December 6-9

The 18th annual show includes more than 600 independent makers, together at the Mart for four days. Enjoy fashion runway shows and live music in one of the largest commercial buildings in the world. \$12/adult. oneofakindshowchicago.com