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# THE MART TO HOST 300 ARTISTS AT ITS 3RD ANNUAL ONE OF A KIND SPRING SHOW®

Chicago's Premier Artisan Shopping Event Returns to The Mart April 27-29, 2018

CHICAGO – Feb. 27, 2018 – The One of a Kind Spring Show sis set to return to The Mart (222 Merchandise Mart Plaza) from April 27-29 for its third year in a row. Shoppers will be able to meet more than 300 talented artists and designers, learn about the inspiration and technique behind their work and shop their unique collections.

An extensive range of categories will be represented during this year's show including accessories, bath & body, ceramics, fashion, fiber art, furniture, glass, gourmet goods, home goods, jewelry, kids, metal, mixed media, paintings, paper, pet products, photography, sculpture and wood. For more information about the Spring 2018 artists is available here.

"This year's One of a Kind Spring Show is bound to be our best yet," said Lisa Simonian, Vice President of Marketing, Consumer Shows at The Mart. "We are offering an amazing experience for shoppers and artists by showcasing a wide range of items across varying categories. Once again, the show will feature an Emerging Market which is a fantastic way for new artists to be recognized and introduced to our community."

<u>The Lillstreet Art Center</u>, Chicago's leading art community that proudly embraces the skills, techniques and goals of local artists, instructors and students, is returning to this year's show offering art-based demonstrations, workshops and hands-on experiences throughout the weekend.

"We are proud to partner with Lillstreet Art Center in an effort to encourage local artists to become more involved in Chicago's expanding art community," said Aida Sarvan, Marketing Director of The One of a Kind Show. "The sky is the limit for up-and-coming artists and we are devoted to making sure this amazing community has the platform to exhibit their unique work."

In addition to shopping, attendees can also enjoy daily fashion shows and live performances by local musicians. Additional information regarding entertainment features will be released closer to the event.

# About The One of a Kind Spring Show

The One of a Kind Spring Show® takes place at The Mart, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7th Floor, from April 27-29, 2018. For tickets and more information, visit <a href="http://oneofakindshowchicago.com/">http://oneofakindshowchicago.com/</a>.

# Hours are as follows:

April 27 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. April 28 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. April 29 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, kids 12 and under are free. Special ticket packages are also available. For tickets or more information, visit www.oneofakindshowchicago.com.

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

### About the MART

The One of a Kind Show is produced by the MART.

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.