THE ONE OF A KIND SPRING SHOW + SALE® RETURNS TO THE MART APRIL 25-27 SHOWCASING OVER 350 OF THE NATION'S TOP ARTISTS, MAKERS & DESIGNERS



The Beloved Spring Shopping Event will Feature Everything From Exclusive Finds to Live Entertainment, a Fresh Floral Market, Hands-On Art Workshops, Complimentary Cocktail Tastings, Gourmet Food and More.

CHICAGO (March 5, 2025) – The One of a Kind Spring Show + Sale® will return in full bloom to the 7th floor of THE MART this April, featuring over 350 of the nation's most talented creators together under one roof. Friday, April 25 through Sunday, April 27, thousands of art-loving shoppers will flock to the historic venue for an action-packed weekend filled with an impressive selection of original, handcrafted work, live music by talented local musicians, hands-on art workshops, interactive experiences including a fresh floral market and more. The show offers the perfect opportunity for those looking to refresh their Spring style, discover unique gifts for any occasion, tap into their creativity and connect with the nation's top makers in their craft or simply enjoy a beautiful Spring weekend in the heart of the city. Tickets, exclusive show totes and ticket bundles are now on sale via the show website.

Attendees will have the unique opportunity to meet and shop directly from the show's acclaimed artists while discovering insights and inspirations behind their one-of-a-kind finds. The show will feature thousands of goods spanning over 20 categories including fashion, fine art, photography, paintings, jewelry, accessories, repurposed vintage, furniture, home goods, bath & body, gourmet, sculpture, mixed media, kids, pet goods and more.

The **One of a Kind Spring Show** will offer something for everyone across interests and ages, including a variety of features that expand beyond the unique shopping experience, including:

- Hands-On Art Workshops for All Ages: Provided by Chicago Youth Arts Non-Profit Marwen, free art-making workshops and activities will be available to enjoy for those looking to channel their inner artist.
- Tulip Time Market: Chicago's own Flowerchild will be on-site with a fresh floral market. Attendees will have the opportunity to shop pre-arranged bouquets by their experienced florists or make a blank canvas blossom with a create-yourown bouquet experience.
- **Live Music:** At the heart of the show just beyond the iconic One of a Kind sign, shoppers will be delighted to relish in the sweet sounds of live music by a variety of talented local artists.
- Gourmet Market featuring the Hatchery Pavilion: A "sweet spot" of the show
 where art and culinary delights intersect, shoppers will enjoy access to artisan
 culinary creations from baked goods to at-home kits, soups, sauces and more.
 Within the gourmet market attendees will find the Hatchery Pavilion, featuring
 budding food entrepreneurs showcasing and sampling innovative new products.
- Show Cafes and Bars: Throughout the show floor, shoppers will find a wide variety of gourmet food and drinks available to enjoy provided by Foodstuffs gourmet food and catering.
- Complimentary Cocktail Tastings: Long Drink will be providing samples of their refreshingly unique canned cocktail daily in a variety of unique flavors.
- Complimentary Shopping Carts: Shopping at the show is both seamless and convenient with courtesy shopping carts provided by VOOMcart available for use during the show.

"We are thrilled to be returning for the 9th edition of the Spring show this April. We have an extraordinary lineup of talented artists exhibiting at the event, each hand-selected by our esteemed jury." said Kathleen Hogan, Director of the **One of a Kind Show**. "Whether you are looking for gifts or some new pieces as the seasons change or are simply in search of a unique all-ages Spring activity after the cold Winter months, we look forward to opening our doors for an unforgettable celebration filled with one of a kind finds."

For a fully-immersive experience each night after the show ends, shoppers should plan to experience the iconic public art projection, <u>ART on THE MART</u>. The 2025 season launch on April 25 coincides with the first day of the show and features work by contemporary digital artist Shana Moulton of Santa Barbara, California. Known for her colorful, playful video installations, Shana's work focuses on the female figure amidst

mandala-like forms and patterns. The projection will run Thursday through Sunday evenings from 8:30pm to 9pm and is best viewed on the Chicago Riverwalk directly across from THE MART.

General Show Information:

The One of a Kind Spring Show® Chicago takes place at THE MART, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7th Floor, April 25-27, 2025. For tickets or more information, visit: http://oneofakindshowchicago.com/.

Tickets:

Available for purchase online and onsite, tickets are valid for re-entry all three days of the show.

• Adult Admission: \$15

- Children Under 12: Free
- **Ticket + Tote Bundle:** \$20 (includes admission and a limited-edition "Be True to You" cotton canvas tote bag.)
- **NEW Friends Day Out Bundle for Two:** \$70 (includes admission for two, two exclusive show tote bags and two \$20 food vouchers valid at the onsite cafes).
- **2025 Tote Bag**: The limited edition show tote is available independently of admission for \$8.

Hours are as Follows:

Friday, April 25: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Sunday, April 27: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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 LinkedIn</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

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About THE MART

THE MART (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, THE MART 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, THE MART serves as the home to Chicago's most creative and technologically innovative companies.

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