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Get ready, Chicago! Spring's most anticipated **shopping and art event** is blooming once again! From April 25–27, *The One of a Kind Spring Show* transforms the iconic 7th floor of **THE MART in Chicago**, into a vibrant hub of creativity, featuring over 350 of the nation's most celebrated artists, makers, and designers. Whether you're searching for **unique handmade gifts** looking to **refresh your spring style** or craving an inspiring weekend outing, this beloved show offers something extraordinary at every turn.

Celebrated for its curated selection of **original artwork and handcrafted goods**, the event gives attendees the rare chance to shop directly from the makers, discovering the stories and inspirations behind their one-of-a-kind pieces. Shoppers can explore thousands of items across 20+ categories including **jewelry by independent designers, fine art from emerging artists, fashion accessories, home decor and furniture, kids and pet goods**, and much more—all in one place.

But the One of a Kind Spring Show is more than a marketplace—it's an experience. This year's show features a wide range of engaging activities and attractions designed to delight guests of all ages:

Enjoy **hands-on art workshops in Chicago** led by Chicago's own **Marwen**, where budding creatives of all skill levels can explore their artistic side. Dive into the vibrant colors of spring at the **Tulip Time Market** floral pop-up, hosted by **Flowerchild**, where you can grab a ready-made bouquet or design your own floral masterpiece.

As you shop, sway to the sounds of live music from local Chicago artists at the show's lively center stage. Food lovers can indulge their taste buds in the **Gourmet Market featuring artisan foods**, with small-batch creations ranging from sauces to sweets—and don't miss the **Hatchery Pavilion** spotlighting local food entrepreneurs.

Need a break? Enjoy savory bites and beverages from Foodstuffs' gourmet cafes and bars or sample the refreshing canned cocktails courtesy of Long Drink's cocktail tastings, available daily throughout the show. And to make your shopping seamless, complimentary VOOMcarts will be on hand to help carry all your fabulous finds.

Tickets for the One of a Kind Show Chicago are now on sale, with several bundle options including exclusive show totes and food vouchers for the perfect friends' day out in Chicago. Adult admission is \$15, kids under 12 are free, and ticket bundles start at \$20. For those just after the show's signature limited-edition "Be True to You" tote bag, it's also available for \$8.

Show Hours:

- **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.

And the magic doesn't stop when the show closes. On opening night, April 25, attendees can walk just steps outside to experience the breathtaking launch of the 2025 **ART on THE MART public art projection**. The riverfront display will feature whimsical digital works by Santa Barbara-based artist Shana Moulton, transforming the **Chicago Riverwalk** into a surreal, glowing celebration of female form and mandala-inspired visuals, from 8:30 to 9 p.m.

Kathleen Hogan, Director of the One of a Kind Show, shares, "We're thrilled to return for the 9th edition of our Spring show. It's a celebration of creativity, community, and the joy of discovery—perfect for anyone looking to connect with makers, find something meaningful, or simply enjoy a truly special spring weekend in the city."

For full event details, workshop schedules, and to buy tickets, visit the official **One of a Kind Show Chicago website**.