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**ONE OF A KIND HOLIDAY SHOW + SALE® CHICAGO
CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF CRAFT, COMMUNITY
AND CREATIVITY WITH MORE THAN 600 ARTISTS,
DESIGNERS AND MAKERS AT THE MART DECEMBER
3-6**



Chicago's premier holiday shopping destination returns for its 25th anniversary with more than 600 artists, designers and makers, new Paint & Sip sessions, fine art gallery talks, hands-on activities, artist demonstrations, gourmet food and more

CHICAGO - (September 2026) -- Chicago's favorite holiday shopping tradition is celebrating a major milestone. [The One of a Kind Holiday Show + Sale® Chicago](#) returns to the 7th Floor of THE MART from Thursday, December 3 through Sunday, December 6, marking 25 years of craft, community and creativity in Chicago. As one of Chicago's most beloved annual holiday shopping events, the Holiday Show has welcomed an estimated 1 million attendees and represented more than 5,000 unique small businesses, creating a longstanding platform for independent artists, designers and makers to connect directly with shoppers. The four-day event will also feature Paint & Sip sessions, fine art gallery talks, hands-on craft activities, artist demonstrations, the Gourmet Market, Emerging Market, Fashion District, cafés, bars and more. The milestone year also celebrates the show's 25-year partnership with Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, with a portion of ticket proceeds once again benefiting the hospital.

Now in its 25th year, the **One of a Kind Holiday Show** has become Chicago's premier holiday shopping destination for unique, handmade gifts and one-of-a-kind finds. The four-

day event will bring together more than 600 jury-selected artists, designers and makers from across the country, giving thousands of shoppers the opportunity to meet the creators behind the work and shop directly from independent small businesses under one roof. The Holiday Show draws an average of approximately 45,000 guests and 600+ exhibitors annually, with about 60 percent of exhibitors returning year after year, underscoring the community that has grown around the event.

The milestone anniversary will also celebrate the longtime artists, designers and makers who have helped make the **One of a Kind Show a Chicago** holiday tradition, including a select group of exhibitors who have participated for 20 years or more. Gina Pannorfi, an exhibitor since 2005, says, “I have built relationships with customers and colleagues since my first year participating. I continue to gain new connections and business every year. Chicago shows up for this event.” Kevin Lahvic, another longtime exhibitor, says, “The show has become a ‘Family’ reunion of sorts for me at this point,” while Armando Pedroso of Armando Pedroso Fine Art, who has participated since 2003, says, “There is an energy and excitement when the show opens that I look forward to every year. It has become much more than an art show—it’s a tradition, and one I’m very grateful to be a part of.”

Guests can discover thousands of handmade products across more than 20 categories, including accessories, bath and body, ceramics, fashion, fiber art, furniture, glass, gourmet food, home goods, holiday décor, jewelry, kids, leather, metal, mixed media, painting, paper, pet products, photography, repurposed and upcycled goods, sculpture and wood.

In celebration of its milestone anniversary, the 2026 show will offer even more opportunities for guests to engage directly with art and the creative process.

New this year, guests can participate in Paint & Sip sessions led by NEW Gallery, offering an interactive opportunity to create their own artwork while enjoying the festive atmosphere of the show.

The show will also continue its partnership with Art Encounter, whose experts will lead Fine Art Gallery Talks within the show’s dedicated fine art gallery, providing insight into featured works, artistic techniques and the stories behind the pieces on display.

Additional experiences throughout the weekend will include hands-on craft activities with Marwen, live artist demonstrations, and opportunities to experience creators at work and learn more about their processes firsthand.

Returning show favorites will include the Gourmet Market, showcasing specialty food and culinary products; the Emerging Market, spotlighting rising artists and makers; and the Fashion District, featuring distinctive apparel and accessories from independent designers.

Guests can also enjoy cafés and bars located throughout the show floor, provided by Foodstuffs, making it easy to spend the day shopping, exploring and celebrating the holiday season.

“For 25 years, the One of a Kind Holiday Show has been about so much more than shopping. It has been about creating a community where artists and shoppers can connect directly and where creativity is celebrated in all its forms,” said Kathleen Hogan, Director of the One of a Kind Show. “Reaching this milestone is incredibly meaningful to us, and we’re excited to celebrate the artists, partners and Chicagoans who have helped make this show such a special holiday tradition for the past quarter century.”

General Show Information

The **One of a Kind Holiday Show + Sale® Chicago** takes place at THE MART, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7th Floor, from December 3-6, 2026.

For tickets and additional information, visit oneofakindshowchicago.com/holiday.

Hours are as follows:

Thursday, December 3: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, December 4: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 5: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 6: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For the latest press releases, facts, photos and videos, visit the [One of a Kind Holiday Show online pressroom](#). For news and real-time updates, follow **One of a Kind Show Chicago** on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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About THE MART

[THE MART](#) (formerly The Merchandise Mart), located in the center of Chicago’s River North neighborhood, is interwoven into the fabric of the city 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 international business destinations.

Encompassing 4.2 million gross square feet, THE MART spans two city blocks, rises 25 stories and serves as home to leading manufacturers, design-forward showrooms and some of Chicago’s most creative and technologically innovative companies.

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