



The One of a Kind Show Chicago Review - Chicago's Ultimate Holiday Shopping Destination

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The One of a Kind Show Chicago, taking place right now (December 3-6) at Chicago's **Merchandise Mart**, is Chicago's ultimate holiday shopping destination. It is a show that lives up to the promise of giving shoppers a chance to find something for everyone on their gift-list – and intriguing items for themselves, too. More than 600 talented artists, artisans, and crafts-people from across North America have brought imaginative, handmade creations to this year's show. There are thousands of unique gift options. This fabulous shopping experience offers a wide variety of price points for gifts, crafts, and art ranging from refrigerator magnets to handmade wooden spoons to gorgeous jewelry, fur-lined coats, and original paintings.



Kim Bloomberg's intricate, romantic necklace

The One of a Kind Show Chicago has become one of the city's most highly anticipated holiday shopping events by combining an endless array of hand-crafted, specialty gift items as well as great entertainment options to enjoy throughout the day. **The One of a Kind Show Chicago** aims to take away the stresses of gift-giving by providing shoppers a fun, energizing destination where gift-seekers can discover an abundance of thoughtful and truly one-of-a-kind exclusive items.



The opening of The One of a Kind Show

The show also features a popular **Etsy Pavilion**, where attendees can shop the work of several Etsy artists who primarily sell their work online. The **Etsy Pavilion's** Craft Station invites shoppers to create handmade pom-poms for gifts or home decoration.



Rustbelt Rebirth - Doug Meyer's charming serpentine bird

Shoppers will wander thousands of square feet on the entire 7th floor of **The Mart** and find gifts for the host or hostess, foodie friends, home décor, accessories and clothing for children and adults, and much, much more. Shoppers can speak with artists one-on-one, attend artist demonstrations, and create something themselves at a crafting workshop. **The Gourmet Gallery** has a broad selection of food items including baked goods, dips, sauces, confections and savory foods, and shoppers can take advantage of the delicious samples.



The One of a Kind Show Chicago also makes shopping easier by offering a coat check as well as **Foodstuffs** cafes (including bar service) and tables and chairs scattered in many places, perfect for the hungry shopper or a quick rest. Another very nice amenity is an on-site service which will pack and ship purchases.



Five minutes after the opening - come early!

The One of a Kind Show Chicago takes place December 3 and 4 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., December 5 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., and December 6 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at **The Mart**, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7th Floor, Chicago, IL. Tickets are \$12 for adults; children 12 and under are free. Special ticket packages are also available online. A portion of all ticket sales will benefit Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. For tickets or more information, visit [the Oneofakindshow website](http://theoneofakindshow.com)