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## THE ONE OF A KIND HOLIDAY SHOW ANNOUNCES TOP FEATURES AND EVENTS FOR 2018 SHOW



*With Shopping, Fashion Shows, Gourmet Foods, an Emerging Artist Market, a Fine Art Gallery and more, The Mart's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Show Offers Guests A Robust Holiday Experience*

**CHICAGO (November 2018)** – One of the only events at which guests can attend fashion runway shows, listen to talented musicians, add to their fine art collection, indulge at a gourmet market, *and* get all of their holiday shopping finished all in one place, The 18th annual **One of a Kind Holiday Show**, has announced its official 2018 features and events schedule. Returning to The Mart, 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, December 6-9, 2018, The Show will feature more than 600 independent artists from across North America and beyond with a wide range of unique and eclectic offerings including accessories, bath & body items, ceramics, fashion, fiber art, furniture, glass, gourmet goods, holiday products and more on the show floor and as part of several specially highlighted activities.

In addition to browsing and purchasing handcrafted items directly from the artists and artisans, visitors of the 2018 One of a Kind Holiday Show can experience a number of exciting events and special features, including:

- **One of a Kind Fashion Shows**  
Shoppers are invited to attend live runway shows featuring clothing and accessories from exhibiting artists on Thursday, December 6 at 6 p.m., Friday, December 7 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 at 5 p.m.
- **Gourmet Market**

Indulge your taste buds on edible art! Shoppers will find a fantastic selection of gourmet artisans selling a range of delicious specialty items including dips, sauces, confections and baked goods in this special section on the holiday show floor.

- **Emerging Market**

This year's emerging market will feature spaces showcasing 25 talented up-and-coming artists including {blade + bloom}, 3<sup>rd</sup> Season, Acebo Jewelry, Annie Glotzbach Encaustic Art, Bottega Flaviani, Cape Horn Illustration, Cedar & Rye and many more.

- **Fine Art Gallery**

Everyone is encouraged to walk through the show's Fine Art Gallery and enjoy a curated exhibition of some of the most unique fine art and sculpture pieces available for sale from the artists on the show floor.

- **Onsite Cafés**

Shoppers can rest their feet and enjoy a wonderful variety of gourmet food without leaving the show floor. For those looking to catch sporting games, The Sports Café will conveniently have TVs playing all the weekend's big games. All cafes include bar service for guests to sip and shop at the same time.

"The One of a Kind Holiday show has a lot in store for shoppers this year," said Lisa Simonian, Vice President of Marketing, The Mart. "From live fashion shows to the opportunity to 'discover' up-and-coming artists for themselves, guests will be welcomed with an array of fun events, special features and the chance to get into the spirit of the season. Plus, we have hundreds of extremely talented artists from a number of backgrounds that bring a creative twist to typical holiday gifts."

Tickets are \$12 per adult and provide entry for all 4 days. Children 12 and under are free. Special ticket packages are also available. A portion of all ticket sales will benefit Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. For tickets or more information, visit [www.oneofakindshowchicago.com](http://www.oneofakindshowchicago.com).

Hours are as follows:

December 6 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

December 7 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

December 8 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

December 9 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

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### **About theMART**

The One of a Kind Show is produced by theMART.

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.