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**11th ANNUAL ONE OF A KIND SHOW AND SALE CHICAGO ANNOUNCES
SPECIAL EVENTS, ARTIST TALKS AND FEATURED AREAS
*December 1- 4, 2011 at Chicago's Merchandise Mart***

Chicago (October 25, 2011)— The One of a Kind Show and Sale kicks off its 11th annual Holiday shopping event Thursday, December 1 with thousands of gifts for everyone on your list. The Show offers the largest and widest array of handmade gift items from 600+ artists from across North America. In addition to one-of-a-kind shopping, the Show offers attendees a unique and entertaining experience. Attendees can speak with the artists individually, attend artist talks, join in crafting workshops, and enjoy gourmet treats, fashions shows and live music. There is so much to see and do at the One of a Kind Show, you'll want to attend all 4 days. Here is a glimpse at the special events and attractions at this year's Show.

ONE OF A KIND FASHION SHOWS

Fashion District Stage

Experience art on the runway during our live fashion shows featuring chic, artist-designed clothing, jewelry and accessories.

Thursday, 7pm

Friday, 1pm and 7pm

Saturday, 1pm

Sunday, 1pm

A Few of My Favorite Things

Fashion District Stage

The Merchandise Mart's Fashion Director Susan Glick will hand pick a number of artists to share some of their favorite items they've brought to this year's show.

Saturday, 12pm

Sunday, 12pm

ARTIST TALKS

Experience artwork in the making! Meet One of a Kind artists and learn the stories behind their eclectic handmade work at these special 20-minute presentations.

Thursday, December 1

3pm: Tooling and Painting Leather, Turtle Ridge, Booth 3132D

5pm: Recycled Bottle Cap Jewelry, Weener Ware, Booth 1118

Friday, December 2

3pm: Ink on Water – Turkish Marbling, Cinereal Matter, Booth 1008

5pm: Painting a Cupcake, Carey Haynes Art, Booth 7031

Saturday, December 3

3pm: Chain Mail Clothing, Kali Butterfly, Booth 3019

5pm: Creating a Mood, Anna Todaro, Booth 8069

Sunday, December 4

2pm: Soap Making Process, Abby Brown Soap Artisan, Booth 3135

3pm: Sewing Stationary, Circle Street Sewing Stationary, Booth 2079

LIVE MUSIC

Come hear **Potbelly's One of a Kind Musicians**. We've selected our very best musicians from our neighborhood Potbelly shops and brought them all to you. Each has a sound and style you won't find anywhere else. It's live, local music done the Potbelly way.

Thursday, December 1

5pm-6:45pm, 7:45pm-9pm **Kaliq Woods**

Kaliq Woods is a jazz clarinetist who has been playing for over 20 years. "I first wanted to play jazz when I heard a Charlie Parker recording my teacher played in my senior year." He has since gone on to study jazz at Columbia College and has played at numerous jazz festivals and renowned venues such as the Chicago Symphony Center.

Friday, December 2

5pm-6:45pm **Samuel Williams**

Jazz violin hero Samuel "SavoirFaire" Williams has been performing international venues since age five. After 14 years of playing classical music, he was inspired to change his musical focus to jazz improvisation and has since redefined what it means to be a jazz violinist.

Saturday, December 3

1:45pm-4:30pm **Claire Corriveau**

Claire is a folk rock singer-songwriter influenced by Bonnie Raitt, Bright Eyes, Cat Stevens and Carly Simon. She has been playing music for over 15 years and is currently studying music at Columbia College.

4:30pm-7pm **Lupe Martinez**

Guadalupe Martinez is a self-taught guitarist and singer. She loves playing and listening to music from the 50's through today.

Sunday, December 4**1:45pm-5pm Tracy Leonard**

Tracy has been playing saxophone since he was 10 years old. He started playing at church and listening to records like Sly and the Family Stone, Earth, Wind & Fire, Stevie Wonder, and Grover Washington.

SPECIAL SECTIONS**Fashion District**

Southeast Side of the Show Floor

This special, fashion-oriented area features trendsetting artists and designers whose work includes contemporary clothing, jewelry and accessories. Artists include such notable designers as Killion, Chicago IL, Model-29, Chicago IL, Sew Cool, Wilmington, IL, Selma Karaca, Brooklyn, NY, Margo Petitti, Providence, RI, and Angelica Cammarota, Sleepy Hollow, NY.

Gourmet Gallery

Southwest Side of the Show Floor

Indulge your taste buds on edible art. Find a fantastic selection of gourmet artisans selling a range of delicious specialty items including dips, sauces, confections and baked goods. This year's Show includes tasty treats from gourmet artists including Amy Peterson Chocolates (Frankfort, IL), Sonoma Farm (Chicago, IL), Heartland Herbs (Worthington, OH), Mama Jen's Spaghetti Sauce (Northbrook, IL), Katherine Anne Confections (Chicago, IL), plus many more.

Etsy Artist Pavilion

Southeast Side of the Show Floor

Stop by the Etsy booth at the Etsy New Artists Pavilion to explore the talented artists and crafters who are part of the online marketplace. Etsy will immerse you in the talented creations of its members while offering a chance to win an Etsy.com shopping spree, or if you want to get crafty yourself, stay and make a handmade holiday ornament of your very own.