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**THE ONE OF A KIND SHOW AND SALE® CHICAGO
OFFERS A UNIQUE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE
*500 juried artist, craftspeople showcase works at The Merchandise Mart***

CHICAGO (August 3, 2009) - The ninth annual One of a Kind Show and Sale® Chicago, the city's wildly popular holiday shopping show, offers the public a fantastic opportunity to buy one-of-a-kind handmade creations. From Dec. 3-6, 2009, over 500 artists, artisans and designers from across North America will showcase their work at The Merchandise Mart.

Following is a summary of some of the featured artists participating in this year's show:

Marla Duran Designs from Bethlehem, Penn., showcasing women's clothing which offers signature style with a classic twist. Inspired by Asian and vintage designs, her clothes have a timeless charm all their own with a playful yet sophisticated design. Duran and her designs were featured when she was a contestant on Bravo's Project Runway.

George Raab, an intaglio printmaker from Millbrook, Ontario whose cameos of the Canadian wilderness are meticulously realistic. His powerful images have earned him recognition and awards provincially, nationally and around the globe. Intaglio is an exacting art form of printmaking which can take Raab a month to make, from concept to completion.

Linde Lim Fine Jewelry will showcase Chicago designer Sieglinde "Linde" Lim's creations. Lim is a classically trained goldsmith and jeweler who has been influenced by her off-the-beaten-path travels around the world. Braiding various techniques to unleash a unique assemblage of jewelry, Lim artfully blends exceptional craftsmanship with gold, platinum, sterling silver, precious and semi-precious gems into beautiful adornments.

Kiku Handmade brings Oak Park, Ill. artist Laurie Freivogel's work to the show, offering fused glass accessories in unique styles which emphasizes color, simplicity and design. In addition to fused glass, Kiku Handmade creates knitting needles and knit hats, often made out of reclaimed t-shirts and cashmere sweaters.

Visitors can meet these artists and hundreds more at this year's One of a Kind Show & Sale. Featured at the show will be work in a wide range of media and categories including ceramics, clothing, fashion accessories, fiber art, furniture, glass, gourmet, holiday, jewelry, metal, mixed media, painting, photography and wood.

One of a Kind Show & Sale Chicago:
Thursday, December 3: 12 p.m.-9 p.m.
Friday, December 4: 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Saturday, December 5: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sunday, December 6: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

This popular show has continued to grow over the years. One hundred percent of Thursday's ticket sales will benefit Children's Memorial Hospital.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for seniors and students with a valid i.d. Tickets are available online at www.oneofakindshowchicago.com at a discounted price of \$9, or on site during the show for \$12.

MMPI is a trade show and property management firm, specializing in managing buildings devoted to wholesale showrooms and commercial office space. MMPI produces more than 300 trade shows, market events and conferences each year.

MMPI manages The Merchandise Mart and 350 West Mart Center in Chicago; Market Square, the Suites at Market Square, Hamilton Market, Plaza Suites, Furniture Plaza and the National Furniture Mart in High Point, N.C.; the Architects & Designers Building and 7 W New York in New York; the Boston Design Center in Boston; the L.A. Mart in Los Angeles; and the Washington Design Center and Federal Center Southwest in Washington D.C.

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