

SPECTRUM chicago | OCT. 7 – 10, 2026 At The Mart

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Introducing Spectrum Chicago: Where Chicago Discovers What's Next in Art

New contemporary art fair debuts at THE MART this October 7-10, showcasing emerging artists, independent creators, and fresh perspectives in contemporary art

CHICAGO, IL — (August 5, 2026) This fall, Chicago's vibrant cultural landscape welcomes an exciting new addition as **Spectrum Chicago** makes its debut at **THE MART**, October 7–10, 2026. Created for collectors, designers, art enthusiasts, and the creatively curious, Spectrum Chicago is a contemporary art fair dedicated to discovery—bringing together independent artists, emerging galleries, studios, and collectives presenting original works across a wide range of mediums.

More than an art fair, Spectrum Chicago is an invitation to discover the artists shaping the future of contemporary art. Visitors will experience an inspiring mix of painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media, glass, ceramics, digital art, and design while connecting directly with the creators behind the work through engaging conversations, live demonstrations, and interactive programming.

“Chicago has always been a city that embraces creativity, architecture, design, and innovation,” said Eric Smith, President and CEO. “Spectrum Chicago was created to celebrate the artists shaping the future of contemporary art while giving collectors an opportunity to discover extraordinary work in a vibrant and welcoming environment. It's where Chicago discovers what's next in art.”

Building on more than 16 years of the Spectrum art fair brand, Spectrum Chicago marks an exciting new chapter created specifically for one of America's great cultural cities. While sharing Spectrum's commitment to connecting artists and collectors, the inaugural event reflects Chicago's distinctive creative energy, cultural diversity, and renowned spirit of innovation.

Hosted at THE MART—one of the world’s premier destinations for art, design, and innovation—Spectrum Chicago provides an immersive environment where established collectors and first-time buyers alike can explore original artwork across a broad range of styles, mediums, and price points. Whether discovering a first piece, expanding a collection, or simply looking for inspiration, visitors will find an experience designed to encourage curiosity and connection.

Throughout the four-day event, attendees will enjoy curated exhibitions, artist demonstrations, educational presentations, and special programming designed to spark conversation and celebrate creativity. By creating opportunities to meet artists and learn the stories behind their work, Spectrum Chicago extends the art experience beyond the gallery wall.

Spectrum Chicago will take place alongside the inaugural **Chicago Art Fair**, creating a unique opportunity for visitors to experience two distinct perspectives on contemporary art under one roof. While Chicago Art Fair will feature established galleries presenting museum-quality contemporary works, Spectrum Chicago will spotlight emerging artists, independent creators, and innovative voices. One admission ticket provides access to both events, offering visitors a comprehensive look at the many ways contemporary art is being created, collected, and experienced today.

Applications are currently being accepted from independent artists, galleries, studios, and artist collectives interested in exhibiting at Spectrum Chicago.

As Chicago’s newest annual art fair, Spectrum Chicago is poised to become a must-attend destination for collectors and art lovers seeking fresh talent, original artwork, and the artists shaping the future of contemporary art.

For exhibitor information and the latest event updates, visit **SpectrumChicago.com**.

About Spectrum Chicago

Spectrum Chicago is a contemporary art fair celebrating artistic discovery through original works by independent artists, emerging galleries, studios, and artist collectives. Featuring engaging exhibitions, live demonstrations, educational programming, and opportunities to connect directly with artists, Spectrum Chicago offers an inspiring and approachable experience for collectors and art lovers alike. Held annually at THE MART in Chicago, Spectrum Chicago is where Chicago discovers what’s next in art.

About Redwood Art Group

Since 2009, Redwood Art Group (RWAG) has been revolutionizing the global fine art community by helping artists and gallery owners grow their businesses through fine art exhibitions and publications, art business education, mentoring, marketing, and social media. Today, RWAG owns and operates fine art fairs across the country: Artexpo New York, Spectrum Miami, Art Santa Fe, Red Dot Miami, and the new Spectrum Chicago.

Artexpo New York, the world's largest fine art trade show for nearly 50 years, attracts more than 20,000 art enthusiasts, including nearly 2,500 industry buyers. Spectrum Miami and Red Dot Miami take place during Miami Art Week, an annual attraction that draws over 150,000 art collectors to the city. Over the past sixteen years, RWAG has welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors to their events, sold millions of dollars' worth of art, and helped thousands of unrepresented and established artists launch or grow their careers. Aside from hosting multiple high-end art fairs throughout the year, RWAG also owns *Art Business News*. For more information, visit redwoodartgroup.com