



# Originals Spring Craft Sale

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## Canadian Craft Community Rallies in Ottawa April Event Brings Together 145+ Artisans from Coast to Coast

**(Ottawa, ON) – March 20, 2025:** More than 145 artisans from across Canada will set up shop at Ottawa's EY Centre April 3–6, giving Eastern Canadians a one-of-a-kind chance to support local small business, make sustainable choices and, in the time of tariffs, put their money where it counts. This Originals Spring Craft Sale marks the 50th year of the all-Canadian marketplace, where local creators, family businesses, and food and drink purveyors from coast to coast unite to bring the best of Canadian handmade to Ottawa.



An antidote to throwaway fashions, online shopping and niggling trade barriers – both inter-provincial and now international – the Originals Spring Craft Sale celebrates creativity, craftsmanship and Canadian innovation. Craft show audiences can sip and sample gourmet treats as they shop, feel textiles and glasswares firsthand, and peek behind the wheel with live pottery demos. With live music all weekend long, and Line 4 of the O-Train now open, it's the perfect place to get ahead of your spring shopping and Mother's Day gift-giving, Canadian-style.

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“With Originals, it's always been elbows up in a way,” says John Ladouceur, president and founder of the event runner, Signatures Shows, and a former glass-blower himself. “Our Canadian craft community has been pushing back against big box stores, mass-produced retail, and cheaply-made copycat designs for more than 50 years.” With ongoing craft shows in 12 different Canadian cities, Signatures has been working to steward the craft community across the country and push back against larger, American-owned craft entities that seem to creep into the Canadian market.

“Each of our small businesses is run *by* and *for* Canadians. Our craftspeople are thoughtful, innovative, and such an integral part of our local economy. We're thrilled to see more Canadians leaning into the value of thoughtful, ethical, and 100% Canadian-made.”

The Originals community has flourished from humble beginnings in 1974 to a sprawling 40,000 sq ft marketplace and an intrinsic part of Ottawa's arts landscape. This year's show features artists from as far as Nanaimo, BC and Halifax, NS, with 86 vendors from within Ontario and 40 from Quebec. There's jewellery, leather, home decor, kids' toys, body care, culinary creations, and more, with unique finds

ranging from Mushroom Coffee (Dodjivi) and herb-infused skin salves (Matter Company) to water-repellent canvas handbags (Nautilus) and floral-print leather sneakers (Ana Maria Dessin).

Several exhibitors, such as Gary Saunders (Gü Krea Shun) and Carol Devine (Devine Fine Jewellery), have been mainstays since the 1970s, helping to grow a new generation of local makers along the way. North of the border, Originals proves that craftsmanship, ambition and innovation are very much alive and well... and just waiting to be discovered.

Tickets are available at [originalsshow.ca](https://originalsshow.ca). For a full list of vendors, visit [originalsshow.ca/artists](https://originalsshow.ca/artists)

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## MEDIA INFO

For media inquiries, contact [pr@kiplingmedia.com](mailto:pr@kiplingmedia.com). Logos and high-res images can be [downloaded here](#).

## EVENT DETAILS

### Originals Spring Craft Sale

[originalsshow.ca](https://originalsshow.ca)

April 3–6, 2025 | EY Centre

Instagram:

@originalsottawa

Facebook:

facebook.com/OriginalsShow

### Show Hours

Thurs. Apr 4: 10am–9pm

Fri. Apr 5: 10am–9pm

Sat. Apr 6: 10am–6pm

Sun. Apr 7: 10am–5pm

### Location:

EY Centre  
4899 Uplands Dr  
Ottawa, ON

### TICKET INFO

General Admission: \$10

Senior (65+): \$8

Ages 17 and under: Free

### Ticket Deals:

- Until March 29: 25% off entry
- April 3 (after 5pm): 50% off entry
- April 4 (after 5pm): Ticket includes a complimentary drink.

Tickets at [ticketme.ca/event/originals/](https://ticketme.ca/event/originals/)  
or at the event doors.

## BACKGROUND INFO

### ORIGINALS CRAFT SALE

Spring: April 3–6, 2025

Winter: December 10–14, 2025

[originalsshow.ca](https://originalsshow.ca)

The Originals Craft Sale is a uniquely Canadian handmade marketplace in Ottawa that features the works of artists, artisans, makers, and designers from coast-to-coast. Since 1974, the show has been the region's premier seasonal shopping event and has become Ottawa's favourite – and largest – craft sale in winter and spring alike. The Originals Craft Sale is a semi-annual tradition where visitors can meet passionate creatives in person, hear their stories, and feel their works firsthand.

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## **ABOUT SIGNATURES**

[signatures.ca](http://signatures.ca)

Signatures Shows Ltd. is Canada's largest and most experienced producer of fine craft shows. Founded in 1980 from an idea brought to life by two artisans – glassblower John Ladouceur and goldsmith Casey Sadaka – Signatures has become Canada's largest and most experienced producer of handmade shows, producing, promoting and managing 16 events each year in 12 cities across the country.

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