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**EXPLORE THE RICHNESS OF LATINO CULTURE AT  
THE HEARD MUSEUM'S 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL *MERCADO DE LAS ARTES***

**Jewelry artist Shane Casias is signature artist at Latino market, largest of its kind in Arizona, Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 12 & 13**

**PHOENIX** – The largest art market of its kind in Arizona, *Mercado de las Artes* returns to the Heard Museum this Nov. 12 and 13 to offer an exclusive immersion into the world of Latino culture and art at the museum, 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. SRP is the 15<sup>th</sup> annual event's Signature Sponsor.

A multitude of works will be presented for show and sale, ranging from colorful *colcha* embroidery to beautiful *retablos* painted in natural pigments. The event will feature a wide selection of objects from different Hispanic and Latino traditions, including Santos, pottery, embroidery, furniture making, painting, printmaking, and silver and tinwork.

Art will be available in every price range, with more than 50 artists and creators readily available to offer insights to visitors looking to start or grow their Latino art collections.

This year's signature artist is Shane Casias of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Casias specializes in custom jewelry.

"My designs are always created with the heaviest gauge materials possible for wearability, weight and comfort," he says on his website, [www.shanecasiasdesigns.com](http://www.shanecasiasdesigns.com). "My work is considered contemporary but I like to be known for my talent and creativity. Mostly self-taught, I did get opportunities as a young adult working with silversmithing shops learning my craft."

At the Mercado, the Courtyard Café will offer a menu of festive and traditional foods.

Inside the Museum Shop, Victoria Martino will be representing artist Agustin Torres Beltran (Nahuatl), who makes jewelry made from contemporary Mata Ortiz pottery shards and .950 Taxco, Mexico, silver. Each piece is one-of-a-kind, totally hand formed and comes with a story card for provenance.

Meet author Albert Quihuis, who writes bilingual books for children, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heard's Books & More bookstore.

Visitors will have the option of sitting down to a leisurely meal at the Café or ordering grab-and-go items in the courtyard while they browse. Strolling mariachis will perform both days, Folklorico dancers performing Saturday. At 4:30 p.m. each of the two days, a *Dia de los Muertos*-inspired procession will take place.

*Admission to the Mercado is free with a suggested donation of \$10, which includes museum admission. The museum is open the same hours as the Mercado, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.*

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Since 1929, the Heard Museum, a private non-profit organization, has enchanted visitors from around the world with the art, culture and history of indigenous peoples of the Americas. With more than 40,000 fine artworks and cultural artifacts in its permanent collection, 12 long-term and changing exhibit galleries, an education center, an award-winning Shop, the Books & More boutique bookstore, Coffee Cantina and Courtyard Café, the Heard Museum is a place of learning, discovery and unforgettable experiences.

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