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**CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN NEW WAYS WITH BEAUTIFUL HANDCRAFTED AMERICAN INDIAN ART AT THE HEARD MUSEUM'S ANNUAL ORNAMENT MARKETPLACE**

**Navajo jewelry artist Vernon Begaye creates only 30 editions of unique signature ornaments during 3-day event at museum's Shop, Nov. 25-27**

**PHOENIX** — The Heard Museum's annual Ornament Marketplace returns Nov. 25-27, 2016, offering a wide selection of hand-crafted Native holiday ornaments in a variety of price ranges.

With ornaments at a variety of price ranges, anyone from collectors to those seeking gifts for cherished others can find unique works that portray traditional or holiday themes. Several Native artists will be offering ornaments featuring carved wood, miniature baskets, pottery and beads, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25-26, and on 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27. (The Heard is closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24.)

The Heard Museum is located at 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, at the Encanto Boulevard stop on Valley Metro light rail.

Visitors will be also able to purchase decorated wreaths as well as books and other gifts made by Native artists, as well as enjoy live music performances across the three days of the Ornament Marketplace.

This year's featured artist is Vernon Begaye (Navajo), who has created only 30 editions of the 2016 Ornament Marketplace signature ornament: A traditional naja embellished with spiny oyster shell and turquoise from various Nevada mines, stamped with traditional Navajo designs. They will go on sale at 9:30 a.m. on the first day of the marketplace, Friday, Nov. 25, for \$200 apiece, first come, first served.

Begaye is well known for his contemporary gold and silver tufa cast jewelry. A participating artist in the Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market for many years, Begaye has also produced mosaic inlay jewelry and beadwork. Some of his favorite design elements include abstract forms and bears.

(An image of the 2016 signature ornament is available; contact Mark Scarp, [mscarp@heard.org](mailto:mscarp@heard.org), or 602.251.0283.)

More information may be found at <http://heard.org/event/ornament-marketplace/>.

Marketplace attendance is free – museum admission is additional -- and no sales tax is charged for purchases from the Heard Museum Shop.

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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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