## **Hoop Contest Registration**

# Welcome to the Registration Page for the Heard Museum's World Championship Hoop Dance Contest!

We extend a warm invitation to all dancers from diverse tribal backgrounds across Turtle Island to join us in this premier event. Since 1991, this contest has proven to be more than just a sports competition; it has become a cornerstone for cultural preservation, shining a spotlight on the rich history of hoop dancing within the Indigenous community.

We welcome you to display your skills and passion for this dance in front of accomplished judges and over 7,000 spectators. Over 100 contestants gather during the weekend, contributing to the vibrant tapestry of Indigenous culture. This is your opportunity to make your presence known and continue to contribute to the rich history that dancers before you have built.

As a participant, you'll have the chance to immerse yourself in all the festivities of the World Championship. Enjoy local food and drinks from popular vendors across the Valley. Engage in hoop-themed family activities, explore offerings from community partners, and grab official merchandise to commemorate your time here at the championship. In addition, a live stream of the event, provided by the Gila River Broadcasting Company (Gila River Indian Community), is available both days on heard.org/hoop, ensuring that the contagious energy and spirit of the World Championship reaches far and wide. Be sure to share the streaming info with family and friends back home!

We are thrilled to have you as part of this two-day extravaganza celebrating the artistry and resilience of Indigenous peoples. We dedicate our efforts to an event that will captivate, educate, and inspire all who participate. Register now to secure your spot in this unforgettable celebration!

JUDGES ANNOUNCED, SEE BELOW.

#### **Museum Parking**

Let us help you find alternative parking options with our Parking Map and ensure a stressfree arrival at the museum for an unforgettable experience.

#### **Light Rail Access**

Embrace eco-friendly travel, beat traffic, and arrive seamlessly. Hop on board for a scenic journey and step off the Encanto/Central stop via Valley Metro Light Rail.

### **Ride Share**

Arrive in style! Join our event at the museum hassle-free with convenient ride-share options. Skip parking stress, enjoy the journey, and make memories at the museum.

Questions?

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