

# See the Winning Artworks from the 2026 Best of Show Juried Competition

## Best of Show Juried Competition

The Heard Museum Guild's **Indian Fair & Market** is the largest art market in Arizona and one of the largest Native art markets in the country. Each year, the event kicks off with our Best of Show Juried Competition where a distinguished panel of judges review hundreds of entries across eight classifications for ribbons and cash awards — and one artwork receives the prestigious Best of Show award.

Following the Juried Competition is a Best of Show Reception, where talented Indigenous artists receive recognition for their achievement that resonates throughout the art world. Winners of the Juried Competition are also invited to participate in the next Indian Fair & Market.

A variety of traditional and cutting-edge artworks received awards in 2026. Check out the top entries from each classification!

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## 2026 Winning Artworks

### Best of Show Award

Jacqueline Rickard (Walker River Paiute) - *It Is Pure Joy, Basket Creation*







Best of Class: Jewelry, Lapidary, & Metalwork

Roy Talahaftewa (Hopi) - *Concho Belt, Water and Corn Clan Migration*



Best of Class: Pottery

Jared Tso (Navajo) - *Hastiin Bob Square Bun*



Best of Class: 2-Dimensional Art

Merlin Little Thunder (Cheyenne) - *From a Place of Strength and Beauty*



Best of Class: Pueblo Carvings

Tayron Polequaptewa (Hopi) - *Monongya Katsina*



Best of Class: Diverse Art Forms

Juanita Growing Thunder Fogarty (Fort Peck Assiniboine/Sioux)  
and Kevin Pourier (Oglala Lakota) - *Protects the Spirit*



Best of Class: Weavings & Textiles

Kevin Aspaas (Navajo) - *Holy Corn*



Best of Class: Baskets

Jacqueline Rickard (Walker River Paiute) - *It Is Pure Joy, Basket Creation*



Best of Class: Sculpture

Leon Misak Kinneeveau (Inupiaq) - *Katang the Shaman Visions of the Past*



Congratulations to all the artists who took part in the 68th Annual Indian Fair & Market Best of Show Juried Competition! And special thanks to the visitors, volunteers, and sponsors who continue to make this a remarkable event year after year.