



PRESS RELEASE

Heard Museum Announces 66th Annual Heard Guild Indian Fair & Market Best of Show and Juried Competition Winners

The Heard Museum

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PHOENIX – With \$119,000 in prize money and over 600 participating artists, The Heard Museum is pleased to announce the awards winners of the 2024 Juried Competition from the Heard Guild Indian Fair & Market, including Best of Show:

2024 Heard Guild Indian Fair & Market Best of Show Award

Hollis Chitto (Choctaw, Laguna/Isleta Pueblos) "Napakanli Um Okla Imma (Flowers for my family) Beaded Bandolier Bag

2024 Heard Guild Indian Fair & Market Conrad House Innovation Award

Tyrrell Tapaha Dine (Navajo) "Ashkii Tsoh"

2024 Heard Guild Indian Fair & Market Idyllwild Arts Imagination Award

Patricia Belgarde-Cornelius Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa "Mona Lisa/Stolen Sisters"

2024 Heard Guild Indian Fair & Market Indian Arts & Crafts Association Commemorative Award

Leon Misak Kinneeveauk Inupiaq "Survival in the Arctic"

2024 Heard Guild Indian Fair & Market Best of Classification Awards:

- Best Jewelry and Lapidary Maria Samora | Taos Pueblo | "Bisbee Turquoise Ripple Link Bracelet"
- Best Pottery Russell Sanchez | San Ildefonso Pueblo | "Bear Lidded Storage Jar"
- Best Two-Dimensional Art Cara Romero | Chemehuevi Indian Tribe | "Alika No. 1"
- Best Pueblo Carvings Mark Taho | Hopi/Dine | "Pahlik Mana"
- Best Sculpture Cliff Fragua | Jemez Pueblo | "Ceramica"
- Best Weavings and Textiles Tyrrell Tapaha | Dine (Navajo) | "Ashkii Tsoh"

- Best Diverse Art Forms Hollis Chitto | Mississippi Choctaw, Laguna/Isleta Pueblos | "Napakanli Um Okla Imma (Flowers for my Family) Beaded Bandolier Bag"
- Best Baskets Carol Emarthle Douglas | Northern Arapaho-Seminole Nation of Oklahoma | "Opynkv Haco "Stomp Dance""

The Best of Show winners were announced at the awards ceremony during the Heard Guild Indian Fair & Market in Phoenix on March 1, 2024. The Best of Show award is made possible thanks to the generous support of Joy & Howard Berlin, the Head Family, Sharron Lewis, and Kristine & Leland W. Peterson. The full list of the 2024 juried competition winners can be found here.

The Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market is one of the largest Indigenous art markets in the world and draws nearly 15,000 visitors and more than 600 of North America's most preeminent Indigenous artists. The Guild Indian Fair & Market provides the opportunity to meet and purchase art directly from multiple generations of artists working in all forms of the visual arts. All proceeds from ticket sales support the Heard Museum's mission of advancing American Indian art.

For more information on the Heard Museum, visit heard.org

Above image: Hollis Chitto (Choctaw, Laguna/Isleta Pueblos), "Napakanli Um Okla Imma (Flowers for my family), Beaded Bandolier Bag

Notes to Editors:

The 66th annual the Heard Guild Indian Fair & Market took place on March 2 and 3, 2024 at the Heard Museum.

The museum is open Monday to Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ticket prices for the museum are as follows: adults are \$25 at the door, \$22.50 online; seniors (65+) are \$20 at the door, \$18 online; students with a valid ID are \$10 at the door, \$9 online; children (6-17) are \$10 at the door, \$9 online; all children five and under, American Indians (with Tribal ID or CIB) and Heard Museum Members are free.

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About The Heard Museum:

Since its founding in 1929, the Heard Museum, a private nonprofit organization, has grown in size and stature to become recognized internationally for the quality of its collections, world class exhibitions, educational programming and unmatched festivals. Dedicated to the advancement of American Indian art, the Heard successfully presents the stories of American Indian people from a first-person perspective as well as exhibitions that showcase the beauty and vitality of traditional and contemporary art. The Heard Museum is supported, in part, by the generosity of Heard Museum members and donors, the Arizona Commission on the Arts, and the City of Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture. In association with the Smithsonian, the Heard Museum is part of a select group of museums and cultural, educational and arts organizations that share the Smithsonian's resources with the nation. For more information, please visit heard.org.



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