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Heard Museum Katsina Marketplace Returns for its 24th Year

Free Event Followed by Community Art Gathering Spotlighting Indigenous Creativity, Delicious Food, Live Music

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PHOENIX – The 24th annual Katsina Marketplace, the largest gathering of Hopi Katsina carvers, returns to [The Heard Museum](https://www.heard.org) on April 11. The free event brings together renowned artists, collectors, and enthusiasts inside the museum's Steele Auditorium and includes a juried competition honoring the the best carvings of 2026. Attendees will also have the chance to enter a raffle for the 2026 Signature Katsina Doll, *Corn Maiden Katsina*, by Buddy Tubinagtewa.

Katsina dolls hold profound meaning in Hopi culture, representing spiritual messengers and embodying teachings, prayers, and blessings. The marketplace offers a unique opportunity to meet talented carvers, witness demonstrations, enjoy live music, and take part in the 2026 raffle. Tickets will be available to purchase at the event.

Artists interested in entering the juried competition must submit entries in-person to the Heard Museum Shop by 3 p.m. on April 10. Winners of the competition will be announced at 4 p.m. on the same day.

For more than two decades, the Katsina Marketplace has connected collectors and the public directly with Hopi artists continuing this important carving tradition.

After exploring the incredible work of the carvers, guests can enjoy delicious Frybread from Emerson Frybread, a vibrant fashion show celebrating the Heard Museum's *Blue Bird* exhibition and a live concert by Keith Secola, a seven time Native American Music Award winner, during a Community Art Gathering happening throughout the day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guests will be able to stamp their own bandanas, adorn their t-shirts, tote bags or textiles and walk in the fashion show at noon. The museum, Café, Cantina, Shop and bookstore will be open throughout the event. There will also be a Designated Quiet Zone available to provide a low sensory, quiet space available for anyone who might need a break from the excitement.

The event is supported by AARP.

For more information about each event and the Heard Museum, please visit [heard.org](https://www.heard.org).

Above image: 2026 Signature Katsina Doll "CORN MAIDEN" Katsina by Buddy Tubinaghtewa

Notes to Editors:

The Heard Museum and Museum Shop are open daily, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed on Easter, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Ticket prices for the museum are as follows: adults are \$26; seniors (65+) are \$21; military members are \$21 (with valid ID); university/college students with a valid ID are \$10; children (6-17) are \$10; all children 5 years 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 has grown to become nationally and internationally recognized for its world-class exhibitions, award-winning publications, unparalleled festivals, and innovative educational programs. Dedicated to connecting Indigenous creativity to the world, the Heard showcases the beauty and vitality of Indigenous creative expression by presenting the voice and vision of American Indian artists. A welcoming destination for children and families, the Heard offers engaging experiences that inspire curiosity and foster appreciation for American Indian art and culture. The Heard Museum is supported 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.

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