



Jesse MONONGYA JEWELER



"The songs the women sang as they wove have stayed with me. The soothing sound of the loom and voices of the elders talking about the stars in the beautiful Southwest sky." Jesse Monongya

An award winning Navajo-Hopi Indian jeweler, Jesse Monongya is based in Scottsdale, Arizona, a center for American Indian Art. He designs and creates extraordinary custom pieces with a contemporary Native American Indian design.

Raised in New Mexico, in the famous Navajo rug center of Two Gray Hills, Monongya learned early the need for achieving excellence in one's craft from watching the weavers and their pursuit of balance and technical perfection. He attributes the major influences upon his work to various sources, in varying degrees. His father, Preston, who he did not know until he was an adult; his blended cultural background; his Hopi grandfather, a much respected Hopi Elder; his Navajo grandfather who taught him the respect of his environment and the old Navajo ways of discipline and the Beauty Way.

Featured in both group and private exhibitions, and represented in both corporate and private collections, Monongya has won several awards and honors at major American Indian art shows throughout the Southwest. He strongly believes in promoting and supporting individual Indian artists, as well as expanding public awareness and opportunities to appreciate Indian artwork.

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