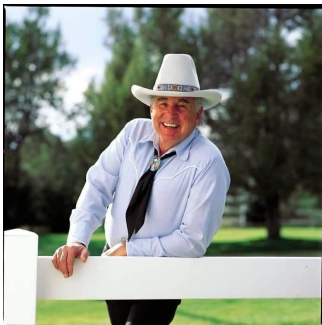




Ben NIGHTHORSE JEWELER



"What I do with my hands is really an extension of what the creator wills. The only person that can create is the creator." -Ben Nighthorse

For over fifty years, Northern Cheyenne artist Ben Nighthorse has created beautiful, award winning jewelry using the highest quality precious and semi-precious stones, including diamonds, turquoise and lapis set in [18 karat gold](#) and the finest sterling silver. Ben Nighthorse moved to Tokyo in 1960 to train for the 1964 Olympic games, where he captained the U.S. Olympic Judo Team. In Japan, his interest in metal-working grew when he studied under a Samurai sword maker. He began to develop techniques of laminating metals and jewelry designs that were heavily influenced by his time in Asian culture. This can be seen today in his world-class work.

After he moved back to the United States, he and his wife, Linda, became champion horse trainers. His love of [horses](#), and [animals](#) in general, helped him to create new, innovative designs. American Indians often believe that a person can inherit some of an animal's virtues by wearing an image of it. That is one reason why noble animals have always played an important role in Nighthorse designs.

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