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MEDIA ADVISORY

Folk & Tribal Arts Marketplace is Back and Better than Ever

Support the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, artisans, and fair trade for the holidays

Santa Barbara, CA (November 6, 2018)—From November 30 to December 2, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History will transform into an international marketplace full of carefully selected vendors from around the world selling imported jewelry, textiles, rugs, baskets, pottery, art, and décor. The savviest treasure-seekers will find unique, authentic gifts for everyone on their list, no matter their budget.

Now celebrating its 32nd year, this three-day shopping extravaganza is the largest folk art show in Southern California with over 30 vendors representing more than 50 countries including Peru, Africa, Indonesia, Pakistan, Mexico, Thailand, Turkey, and more.

Offering free admission and parking, visitors are invited to stroll through the new and improved Museum grounds and galleries, enjoy tantalizing cuisine at the Tribal Arts Café, and shop around the world without ever leaving Santa Barbara.

Museum Director of Guest Services and event organizer Amy Carpenter encourages guests to “spend the day at a fantastic shopping experience, finding wonderful gifts that will make you wish you had bought two of everything.” She adds, “I am excited that we have a Tribal Café and five new vendors this year with authentic products from around the world.”

A new vendor this year is Beyond Borders Fair Trade, who has been working with, and nurturing, Haitian metal artisans for over 15 years. The artisans see real economic improvement and their lives bettered through the creation and sharing of their beautiful art. Beyond Borders is a proud member of the Fair Trade Federation building equitable and sustainable trading partnerships and creating opportunities to alleviate poverty.

Shoppers are encouraged to be generous to their loved ones while supporting international artisans and the local community: 25% of proceeds benefit Museum exhibits and education programs.

Folk & Tribal Arts Marketplace

- Friday, November 30, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
- Saturday-Sunday, December 1-2, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
- Free admission and parking
- For more information, visit: <https://www.sbnature.org/tribalarts>

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Folk Art from Nepal



Baskets from Zimbabwe at Y2K



Haiti metal octopus sculpture from Beyond Borders Fair Trade

About the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Powered by Science. Inspired by Nature. Founded in 1916, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History inspires a thirst for discovery and a passion for the natural world. The Museum seeks to connect people to nature for the betterment of both, and prides itself on being *naturally different*. For more information, visit www.sbnature.org.

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