

# Alfred Joe: Winslow, Arizona

*Navajo*

*Jewelry & Leather*



Al was born in Winslow, Arizona and grew up in Dilkon, Arizona. He first became interested in jewelry at the age of 12 during a visit to the Flagstaff Powwow and later, while attending Northern Arizona University, Al took a beginning class in jewelry. During his second year in college, Al's uncle, Colbert Joe, Sr., took him under his wing and taught his nephew the basics of jewelry making.

Al is an award-winning artist who works in silver and gold. He is known for his meticulous precision and elegant designs. Al often integrates stones into his pieces using lapis, coral or older natural turquoise stones from the Lander, Bisbee, Morenci or Indian Mountain Mines. He loves to experiment and work on innovative techniques. He considers his work to be a combination of traditional and contemporary, perhaps with more emphasis on the contemporary.

In 2001 Al was selected Artist of the Year by the Indian Arts and Crafts Association. His work can be found in the Permanent Collection for Native American Jewelry at the Museum of Man in San Diego; and he is the winner of numerous awards from Santa Fe Indian Market, Gallup Intertribal Indian Ceremonial, Eight Northern Pueblos Arts & Crafts show and the Navajo Market Place at the Museum of Northern Arizona. Most recently he received 1st and 2nd Place at the 2005 Santa Fe Indian Market, and Best of Division and 1st Place at the 2005 Heard Museum Indian Fair.

