

Jimmie Harrison, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Navajo Jewelry



Jimmie Harrison, a Navajo jeweler is known for his elegant bracelets, necklaces, bolos and earrings. With sleek, contemporary shapes and designs, he manages to retain the flavor of tradition with his stylized approach to Indian imagery. Dancing Kachinas, the Yei-Bei-Chei figure, the bright stars of the New Mexico night and the geometric forms of the landscape all play a part in Jimmie's finely detailed inlay jewelry.

One of the first Navajo silversmiths to develop a contemporary inlay style, Harrison learned inlay initially by watching Jesse Monongya work. From 1980 to 1981, Harrison did inlay for Jesse's father, Preston Monongya. Harrison has been a fulltime jeweler since 1981 and has won the Best of Show award at the 1981 Museum of Northern Arizona's All Navajo show in Flagstaff and Best in Design in Contemporary jewelry at the 1988 Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Arts and Crafts Show. Jimmie won 1st Place last year in Jewelry at Tesoro's Market.

