## Hands of A Master

Mark Russo for Angels Share



Exquisite platinum & diamond ring with 22k inlay and 18k gold accents, \$18.000 US

In the hands of a master jewel craftsman nearly a week can be spent just designing and hand-fashioning a single ring, rather than spending the same amount of time casting multiple designs. David Zoltan's specialty is the "cold-forged" technique which involves tremendous labor with meticulous hand tools to compress, shape and forge the cold metals. This metal is then heated and cooled several times to temper it, which results in metal which is 40% harder and denser than anything cast. "Hand forging metal is really a lost art, the metal becomes weighty and tactile, and features a subtle grain which can't be achieved with casting."

His signature design features a finely detailed inlaid pattern set with tiny diamonds and precious stones. He spends more than two years refining this technique, which won him a US patent last year.

Launching his career in Vancouver BC, he served as an apprentice goldmisth and then spent several years designing for retailers and wealthy private clients. He's now opened his Zoltan David Jewelry Gallery in Austin Texas (1994) which serves a well heeled clientele around the globe.



11.76 carat natural yellow sapphire ring surrounded by rubies and diamonds set in platinum with 22 karat gold inlay, \$35,000 US

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