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MELIS ACCESSORIES JEWELRY THAT ROCKS!

Over a decade ago, Melis graced the fashion industry with her custom, hand-made accessories. She debuted her latest creations of bold leather and rustic metal pieces during Phoenix Fashion Week in the fall of 2012. Her beautiful, unique designs created a significant buzz in the Valley's fashion industry. We can't wait to see what she'll be bringing to the run way this year...



Hailing from Dallas, Melis ventured to Arizona after high school. But, this Arizona resident has kept a strong hold on her roots. Her passion for the Southwestern lifestyle hasn't diluted. She takes the clearly country and southwest influences of her childhood and infuses it with eclectic, Rock and Roll inspired jewelry, bringing Melis' line a unique flair unlike any other we've seen.

One of many 'rocking' aspects of this line: every single piece is handcrafted and created by Melis. From her multicolored rings and "Journal Cuff," to her necklaces, and soon, headbands, Melis meticulously creates one of a kind pieces. From inspiration to the finished product, each item is unique. No two items she designs are ever created equal, so when you own a signature Melis Accessories piece, you can be sure that there will



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never be another exactly like it! Now, that's cool!

Our favorite is the incredibly creative "Journal Cuff". Melis uses quality leather in every color and pattern to design these one-of-a-kind bracelets. You wrap the cuff around your wrist and use the suede cord to secure it tightly, just like you would a beautiful antique journal. The hidden beauty about each of these bracelets? You can add a personal touch with writing to the underside of the cuff. Perfect for an anniversary gift, (they come in men's sizes, too) or a present for a graduate, the added personalization makes it all the more unique.

Another favorite is her Rustic Metal pieces. Each necklace features a hand-struck piece of metal, with designs ranging from popular crosses and hearts, to rhinestone embellished dog tags. These necklaces come on your choice of chain length, to create a fun, layered look, or rest perfectly where you desire.

Melis' items can be found on

the runways again this fall, as she debuts her newest creations during October's Phoenix Fashion Week. And if you've got to get your hands on one of her adorable leather rings or her amazing stone, corset wrapped bracelets, you can find her lines sold in a few boutiques across the Valley.

"My tag line is 'Bring out your inner rock star,'" Melis smiles, "because in all of us, even if we don't think we have it - there's a bit of a Rock Star. And the pieces I have, whether you wear one or twenty, will make you feel a little more edgy and unique."

We think so too, Melis. And we're thankful that someone out there is calling that inner rock star to shine a little brighter.

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