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**IN PURSUIT OF THE ARTISANS OF GRAND BAZAAR EXTENDED UNTIL 31ST AUGUST!**

**The exhibition telling the story of the traditional artisanship of Grand Bazaar with spectacular pieces is extended until 31st August due to intense interest. The stories and the handiworks of these artisans, who constitute the living part of a tradition of 550 years and who meet the UNESCO’s “Living Human Treasures” inventory criteria, meet the audience at the museum’s unique setting.**

Basing on on the academic findings of a TÜBİTAK sponsored project, “Gem and Craft: In Pursuit of the Artisans of Grand Bazaar”, through which the viewer follows the story of the gem, finding life in the hands of the artisans, and finally becoming a piece of dazzling jewelry, also highlights the importance of the traditional craftsmanship techniques, such as sadekârlık, stone setting, polishing, engraving, enameling. The exhibition is curated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yonca Kösebay Erkan and Asst. Prof. Dr. Ayşe Elif Coşkun Orlandi.

The exhibition will also include enrichment activities such as interviews with masters, workshop visits and panellas.

The precious pieces of jewelry of Hraç Arslanyan, Hagop Erol Bahadıroğlu - Aret Çakıcı, Sevan Bıçakçı, Kürşat Bilmiş, , Partam Derderyan, Manuk Durmazgüler, Marujan Gevik, Berç Melikyan, Berç Kazancı, Haçadur Kelleci, Avedis Kendir, Agop Kuyumcuoğlu, Arman Suciyan, Surmak Susmak, Rafi – Levon Şadiyan, Nerses Yağar, Kader Yıldız, Sebuh Yılmaz, Hrant – Şant Zorbaş are on view at Rezan Has Museum.

**Rezan Has Museum, Kadir Has University, Cibali**

**Visiting Hours: Everyday 9:00-18:00 (Except for January 1st and the first days of religious and national holidays)**

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