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**LOCAL JEWELRY DESIGNER LEIGHELENA TO DISPLAY LATEST
COLLECTION THIS DECEMBER AT SOLID GOLD**

***Austin-based jewelry designer Leigh Navarro to reveal newest designs at trunk show
Wednesday, December 8 at Solid Gold Boutique and Day Spa***

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(dateline – Austin, September 2009; source: Juice Consulting LLC) – Beloved Austin jewelry designer **Leigh Elena Navarro** will showcase her latest collection this December at **Solid Gold Boutique and Day Spa** located at **1601 East 5th Street**. The shop, voted “Best Boutique in Austin” in 2009, will house the trunk show where an array of handcrafted enamel pieces including layered necklaces with a variety of pendants, signed leather cuff bracelets, wooden rings, and belts with buckles from the **Leighelena** collection will be featured and available for purchase on **Tuesday, December 8, 2009** beginning at **5:00 p.m.** until **8:00 p.m.** The event is open to the public and complimentary refreshments will be available. As a special promotion, there will be a 20% discount offered that evening for those who bring toy donations for the *Toys for Tots* program.

“I’ve been very busy traveling this past year showcasing my work at some of the best craft shows around the country,” says Leigh. “But there is nothing like coming home to Austin. I can’t wait to showcase my latest designs to my collectors here, just in time for the holidays.”

Much of the inspiration for Leighelena’s work is drawn from the many simple shapes and infinite color palettes encountered in her daily experiences. Her enamel pendants are available in a menagerie of shapes and sizes such as pacifying sea creatures, edgy lightning bolts, delicate hearts and soaring birds intended to be worn in groups of three or more.

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Leigh uses an age-old process of fusing metal and glass to create her wearable enamel art. The appearance of the enamel on the surface of the finished piece results from the application of powders and various fragments of glass on the surface prior to firing. Chemical reactions that take place when these materials are exposed to the scorching temperatures of the kiln ensure each finished piece is one-of-a-kind which Leigh says can be “very organic and always fun.”

Leigh adopted this process from her mother who she credits for influencing her decision to become a jewelry designer and also assists in enameling the pieces. As an endearing and deeply personal touch, Leigh adds a stamp from the collection her grandfather started for her as a child to the back of each piece large enough to accommodate one. This sentimental detail has become part of the El Paso native’s signature as an artist. From borrowing her mother’s enameling techniques to using her grandfather’s stamps, family has had an indelible impact on the creation of Leigh’s accessory line right down to the name.

In 2005, she combined her first and middle names to form her brand, *Leighelena*. The line is currently available for purchase at Solid Gold as well as retail establishments throughout the United States, Canada, and also the British Virgin Islands, including notable outlets such as Fred Segal and over 100 more high-end boutiques across the country.

Leigh plans to carry her work over into gallery-inspired wall hangings in the near future as well. For more information and for a complete listing of retail outlets that carry the *Leighelena* line, please visit: www.leighelena.com

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