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# CONGRATULATIONS

ART AND SOUL IN MICHIGAN FOR WINNING 1 DISPLAY  
& SACRED RITES TATTOO IN FLORIDA FOR WINNING  
2 DISPLAYS!



**Front Cover:  
Mario Carrasco.  
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TSTUDO

### TSTUDO

Sizes: 3MM, 4MM, 5MM, 6MM, 8MM, & 10MM  
Gem Color: Clear

# Why choosing the right source of your JEWELRY AND SUPPLIES MATTERS

When we started Metal Mafia fifteen years ago, we had a very specific mission in mind. We wanted to produce great quality jewelry at a price that customers could afford--because doing so was not only right for our retailers, but also good for the end consumer. Living by that mantra has always meant (and continues to mean) making thoughtful choices at every turn—and not being afraid to say no when something did not fit our ideals.

For starters, we insisted on producing our piercing jewelry in Korea--not China. We did so because Korean quality standards were irreproachable, and we could use precision machines to run our production rather than outdated hand-machining methods used in many other countries which left caused variances that we would not accept. It cost us more to produce in Korea, but we thought it was important to guarantee our quality would not waver. When a lot of competitors started producing in China because doing so afforded them lower prices, we chose not to follow the trend, because it would also mean selling steel that was not 316L, since China production facilities don't use it. Instead, we held fast to our commitment to quality. And now, as the tariff wars with China unfold, we are again in a strong position thanks to choosing the specific path of producing in Korea.

When the leading skin protection product in the industry at the time was found to not contain the correct ingredients and quantities it was supposed to contain to protect piercers and their clients, many people were looking to acquire the disappearing stock of the cleaner despite its shortcomings because they did not know where to turn for an alternative. Instead, we decided that there was an opportunity to create a better alternative. We went to a leading surgical prep company, got piercer Sean Dowdell of Club Tattoo to help vet and test the formulas that existed, and then worked to make that formula just right for the piercing industry by changing its viscosity. It took time, and investment, and we got a lot of pushback on it from those who wanted to keep the old school brand, but we did not let it deter us. The result was Microsan E2T—now widely used by piercers who want to make sure that they are piercing in a safe environment.

We also made the choice long ago to create a robust line of ASTM F-136 Titanium, because we believed that, given the rise in allergic reactions to everything from food to environment, it was essential for every shop to carry titanium jewelry to cover every type of piercing, so no shop would have to send a customer home empty-handed. We purchased and set up new machines to be able to control the new line as tightly as we control the 316L lines, and invested heavily in warehousing large quantities of all our titanium silhouettes

to insure that our customers were not subject to long waits to get what they needed in titanium. And now, as more and more states begin to recommend the use of titanium for initial piercings, our commitment to doing what we believed was essential has proved to be the right path because we continue to meet the rising demand for titanium with stock levels that allow us to ship and order the same day.

In your shop, you make choices every day as well, from the jewelry you offer, to the sterilization methods you utilize, the aftercare you suggest, to the customer service you provide. And while those choices may sometimes be more expensive, or misunderstood, or hard to sustain, your choice to do them anyway becomes your company's armor. Each time you wonder if you are making the right call, pulling out your hair over the short term cost of one of your decisions, or trying to determine what the right course of action to take is, weigh your options carefully and always choose to play the long game. Remember as we always have, that you are building a company that those you serve can count on. In today's world of instant gratification, shortsightedness, and questionable motivations, holding true to your convictions is a rare and valuable trait indeed.



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# INTERVIEW WITH MARIO CARRASCO

*From Fallen Angel Tattoo & Body Piercing in Oklahoma City, OK*



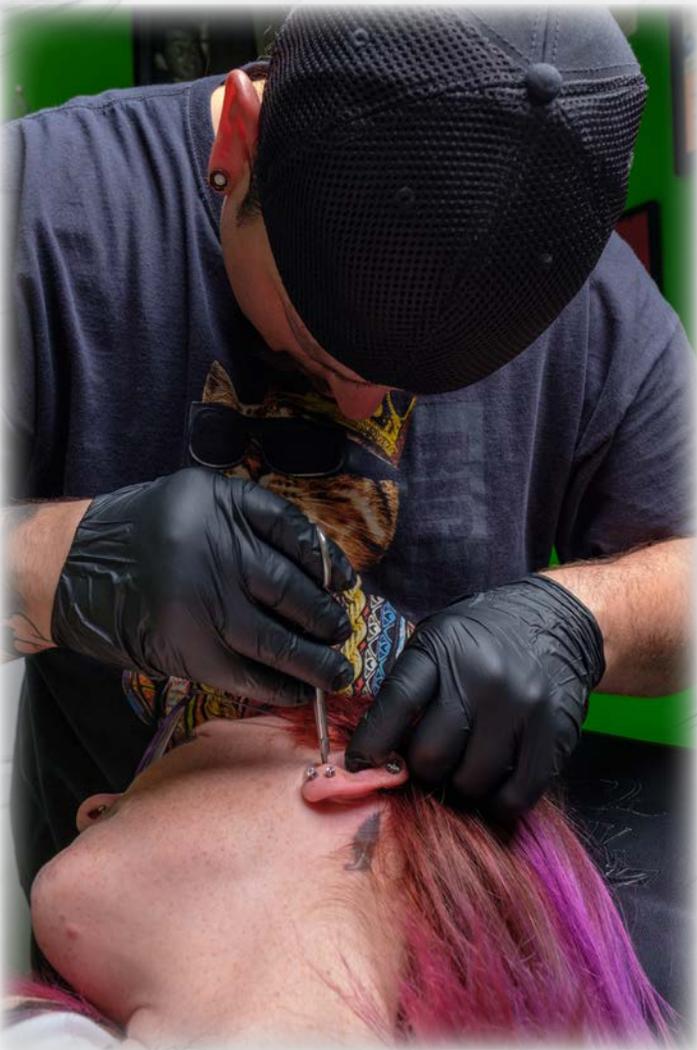
**M**ario got his start in his kitchen, with his buddy Brandon. They found joy in not only cooking, but in piercings as well. "There wasn't a lot to do, so instead of doing drugs we did piercings," says Mario. His first piercing was his tongue because it was easier to hide, but he got riskier and decided to pierce his eyebrows and attempted to cover it with a baseball hat but as most of us find out, not everything can be hidden from parents. His dad saw and he was pissed. "My buddy was into it a lot and his mom would take us to the store, and we had to be 18 so we had a hard time getting needles. His mom would get the hollow needles and we would get the clamps. We would look at BME because the internet wasn't that big yet, and BME had a lot of information for us. We would go on BME to figure out what looked best and what worked out the best. Let's just say, I learned a lot of what not to do before I got my license."

As a professional piercer since 2012, Mario has been careful to only give people his recommendations on anatomy and aftercare— but as a kid his thought was, "I don't think it's a good idea, but why not. Like the time I met up for a jam session and this kid wanted the webbing of his hand pierced between the first finger and thumb. I remember telling him dude that's not going to work out well for you and it's never going to heal because you move your hand too much, but he didn't care. So I used my 14g needle and filled it with a circular barbell. I don't know how he was going to play the guitar." But that became water under the bridge...

In high school, Mario learned to play a lot of instruments: the trumpet, mellophone, French horn and drums. As a percussionist he became a Drum Major which led to him being on the drumline for

Oklahoma State. He always kept himself busy between chess club, sports, academic teams and science clubs. "I was really good at Chemistry and Forensics before it was really popular. Growing up everyone told you, you had to go to college and now I am in school debt. I gave it a good college try and didn't complete it. I don't like quitting anything and that is one thing I didn't finish." When he got bored in the science laboratory he spent time up in auto body trade school. "I like doing something new every day so being in the shop I get to do something different."

Mario notes that because it doesn't take as long to do a piercing as it does to do a tattoo, piercers are always the ones at the front desk dealing with customers, "In our case, the shop is also next to a bar, so sometimes we end up dealing with people you wouldn't want to deal with." Having customers who are not compliant, become rude or are under the influence are just some of the situations we're faced with. Laughing a bit, Mario recalled when "a Tattoo artist came out of the back and asked why is that guy screaming—and the answer was 'oh he didn't want to fill out his paperwork!'"



Fakir Musafar was Mario's idol. "The things he was doing were pretty cool. When he was 17 years old he chained himself to a wall for hours, went completely numb and had an out-of-body experience. He even heard a snap and he could barely feel a little bit. Being able to overcome your body and the pain, Fakir would explain it as you're body felt the pain but you did not, you just have to get yourself in that right state of mind. I try to learn and meditate." Musafar's parents were Christian and his family would shun him for it so he kept everything a secret. He did these experiences at home for years and kept everything private. Keeping everything private and a secret still continues in today's piercing and tattoo world according to Mario, "Back in the 60s and 70s they just did their stuff and didn't share anything because they were set on trying to be better than everyone else. Ed Hardy was doing these full Japanese body pieces and saw Good time Charlie and Jack Rudy doing these amazing pieces with solid black and gray so they got together and started sharing their knowledge. Somewhere along the way it seems like that spirit of sharing and learning fell apart again. These days, everyone is trying to be better than someone else or people are worried about trying to be famous. Man, we're just trying to make sure our customers are happy when they leave our shop. Jason, a tattoo artist at Fallen Angel Body Piercing and Tattoo, for example, has no problem apprenticing someone because he has been tattooing for 19 years—and no one is going to catch up to him overnight and if they do, well then hell yeah, because he taught him. What's wrong with that?"

Teaching is very important to Mario. "Something I've enjoyed doing since my teens is snowboarding. I've been all over Colorado to ride but my favorite place is Wolf Creek Colorado and one day I decided to apply to work there because Colorado is amazing and who wouldn't want a job on a mountain and be a ski bumb." He was offered a job as a snowboard instructor and now he teaches snowboarding in the winter. "Every winter when the season comes up I take off to Wolf Creek Ski area in Pagosa Springs, Colorado and teach kids and adults how to ride a snowboard. It been a great experience teaching people how do something they never thought was possible."



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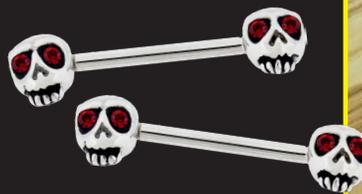


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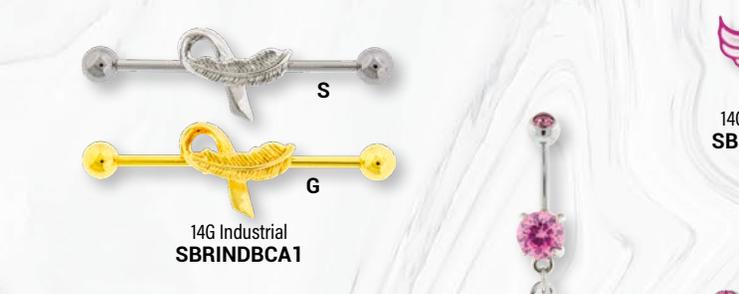
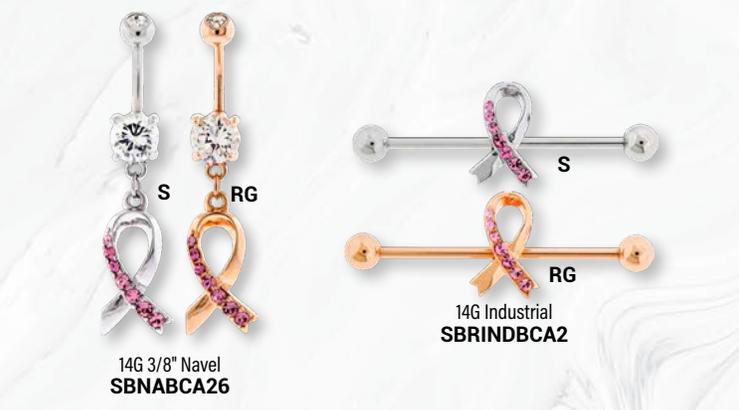
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**Straight Bar W/ Radiant Gem**  
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**Labret W/ Round Gem**  
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 Titanium TLBI -GPR  
 Steel SLBI -GPR



**Straight Bar W/ Claw Opal**  
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 Titanium TBRI -CO  
 Steel SBRI -CO



**Labret W/ Opal Ball**  
 14G or 16G  
 Steel SLBI -OB



**Helix W/ Opal Trinity**  
 16G or 18G  
 Titanium THLBI -OPT



**Curve W/ Opal Disc**  
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 Titanium TCVI -OD  
 Steel SCVI -OD



**Straight Bar W/ Gem Trinity**  
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 16G in 1/4" or 5/16"  
 Titanium THSGR3



**Labret W/ Radiant Gem**  
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 Titanium TLBI -GPS  
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