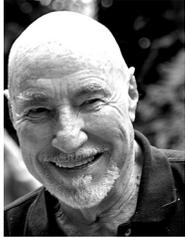


# TOM HORMEL



Born Thomas Dubois Hormel in 1930, Tom has lived in Minnesota, California, Hawaii, and Idaho, and currently calls Florida home. Tom's parents were Jay Catherwood and Germaine Dubois Hormel, remembered fondly by many in Austin for their involvement in both Hormel Foods Corporation (then

George A. Hormel & Co.) and the community. Tom was the middle child between brothers George Albert "Geordie" Hormel and James Catherwood Hormel.

While he has dedicated much of his life to creating music and art, Tom is something of a Renaissance man; his interests are many and varied, and it is evident first and foremost in his diverse postsecondary education. He graduated from Occidental College with a BA in Sociology after spending two years at Palos Verdes College, and studied a year of Law at Loyola Law School as well as a year of Architecture at USC. He also speaks fluent French and Spanish.

Tom cites Palos Verdes College as the place in which art first became an important factor in his life. His enrollment in drawing, painting, ceramics, and basic design classes sparked his lifelong journey as an artist.

That is not to say Tom settled into a single passion after this initial inspiration; a recipient of the United Nations Environmental 500 award in Istanbul, he has been deeply involved in numerous conservation efforts throughout his life, participating in many environmental organizations and spearheading many projects.

The viewer may well recognize these myriad influences in both the breadth and variety of Tom's work. From his acrylic on canvas, to his digital art, to his needlepoint, each of the mediums Tom employs represents a chapter in his personal history. The collection of Tom's work belies not just the artist's passions for expression, but also a contagious expression of those many passions.

*Cover: Hootenanny to Shoot Crickets*

## About The AACA

The Austin Area Commission for the Arts (AACA) – an independent, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization – envisions a vibrant and successful community enriched by diverse arts, entertainment, and cultural activities. We strive to identify, engage, and support the development and advancement of diverse arts, entertainment, and cultural activities that benefit residents of and visitors to Austin and the surrounding area.

The Austin Area Commission for the Arts owns and operates the Historic Paramount Theatre, operates the Austin ArtWorks Center and operates the Austin ArtWorks Festival.

In 2016...

- The Historic Paramount Theatre hosted 25 performances, serving 2300 adults and 1200 children.
- The Austin ArtWorks Center was home to 8 gallery shows, 7 open jam sessions, and 53 classes for both children and adults, serving 1,600 adults and 800 children.
- The ArtWorks Center retail space sold over \$100,000, generating over \$60,000 in commissions to 100+ artists, most with ties to Austin.
- The Austin ArtWorks Festival drew over 7,500 visitors to see 62 artists, 15 authors and 15 musical acts.

To join us in supporting the arts in Austin, go to [austinarearts.org](http://austinarearts.org) and click on the Support tab to learn more about how to give.

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EXHIBIT 2017



 AUSTIN AREA  
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The AACA is proud to present a three-phase exhibit featuring artwork by Tom Hormel in his hometown of Austin, Minnesota. Over the course of the exhibit, 25 unique prints will appear in seven public spaces throughout the community. Fourteen pieces will initially appear in the Austin ArtWorks Center's second floor gallery, along with a companion show by Austin native Chad Augustin in the Center's retail space. A community-wide exhibit will follow, comprised of eleven pieces across five locations. All five locations have special meaning to Tom Hormel's family. The project will culminate in the union of all 25 pieces at the 6th Annual Austin ArtWorks Festival in the heart of downtown Austin.

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### Phase I: Austin ArtWorks Center Gallery

**April 7 – May 12**

See 14 prints by Tom Hormel and enjoy refreshments and live music at the gallery opening on April 7th, or stop by the ArtWorks Center during business hours until May 12 to see this show.

Gallery Opening: April 7 / 5-7pm / Free Admission

#### Austin ArtWorks Center

300 N. Main St.  
austinareaarts.org / 507-434-0934  
Open Tuesday – Friday, 10am – 5pm  
Saturdays, 10am – 3pm

### Phase II: Community-Wide Exhibit

**May 15 – August 25**

See 11 prints on display at five locations. Admission to all locations is free with the exception of a \$5 entrance fee at the Hormel Historic Home.

#### Jay C. Hormel Nature Center

1304 21st St NE  
hormelnaturecenter.org / 507-437-7519  
Open Saturday 9am-5pm / Sunday 1-5pm  
Artwork on view in the Interpretive Building

#### Hormel Foods Corporation / SPAM® Museum

101 3rd Ave NE  
spam.com / 800-588-7726  
Open Tuesday – Sunday / 10am – 5pm

#### Hormel Historic Home

208 4th Ave  
hormelhistorichome.org / 507-433-4243  
Open Monday – Friday / 10am – 4:30pm  
Admission \$5

#### The Hormel Foundation

329 North Main Street  
thehormelfoundation.com / 507-437-9800  
Open Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm / Friday 8-10am

#### Hormel Institute / University of Minnesota Cancer Research Center

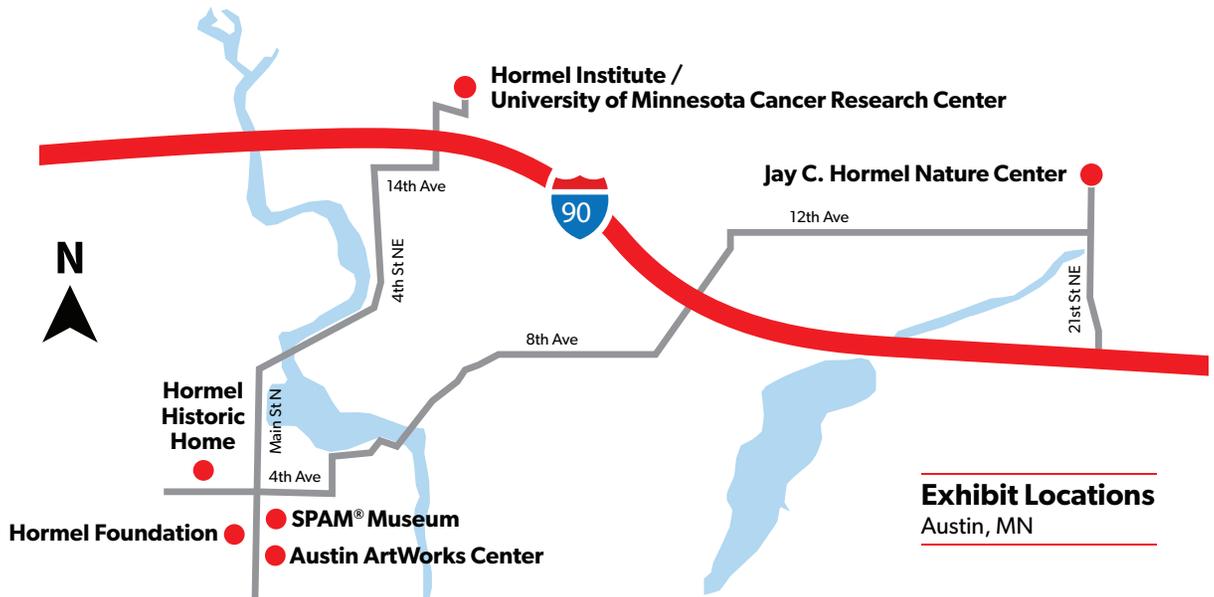
801 16th Ave NE  
hi.umn.edu / 507-433-8804  
Open Monday-Friday / 7:30am-4:30pm  
Tours available if pre-arranged

### Phase III: Austin ArtWorks Festival

**August 26 & 27**



We're proud to present Tom Hormel as the Featured Artist of the 6th Annual Austin ArtWorks Festival. All 25 of Tom's prints will appear here together to mark the conclusion of the community-wide exhibit. Visit austinareaarts.org for more information on the Austin ArtWorks Festival.



**Exhibit Locations**  
Austin, MN