



# HHH NEWS

**HORMEL HISTORIC HOME...where the past inspires the present**



Hospitality ~ Education ~ Music ~ History

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## The legacy of music at the Hormel Historic Home

*It doesn't take long for visitors to realize that Austin, Minnesota, and Hormel Foods go together like Spam and eggs. Or chili and beans. Or Dinty and Moore (Hormel's canned beef stew). But there's another link between the founding Hormel family, its well-endowed foundation and the city: music.*

*That cultural connection might seem surprising considering Hormel's more prominent economic impact. The company's big packing plant employs 1,800 workers. The quirky Spam*

*Museum in downtown Austin traces the evolution of that famous Hormel product and attracts revenue-producing out-of-town visitors. The Hormel name also shows up around town on a health center, a cancer research center, scholarship programs and street signs.*

*But as the company's businesses, brands and fortune have grown for more than 130 years, so has the family's musical legacy, beginning at the Hormel Historic Home at 208 Fourth Ave. NW and stretching to the community at large.*

To read the full story please go to

<https://www.yourclassical.org/story/2022/01/18/hormel-musical-legacy>

**The Harris Music Contest (3/5/22)** is an annual event funded by MarySue Hormel Harris. This contest gives aspiring musicians an opportunity to showcase their talent. We are so proud that we, the Hormel Historic Home, are able to provide this opportunity to these musicians thanks to the generosity of George Hormel's great niece, daughter of Ben Hormel Jr, MarySue Hormel Harris.

Thank you MarySue for being such an inspiration to us all!

Visit our website for any upcoming news related to this event



Cindy Meany  
HHH Executive Director

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Jay Hormel holds a sousaphone in an undated photo on display at the Hormel Historic Home



The Hormel Girls, whose members were servicewomen and women employees of Hormel Foods in Austin, Minnesota, traveled the country as musical ambassadors.



"Music was an integral part of the Hormel family," says the title over this vintage photo at the Hormel Historic Home

## **What your membership means to us.**

Your generous support allows us to serve our mission to maintain and continue preserving the home and honor the Hormel family legacy of Hospitality, Music, Education and Community Service through meaningful programming. Your gift provides us with so many opportunities to serve the community of Austin. Thank you for your generosity in the past and in the future!

### **Upcoming member only events**

*It has been truly wonderful seeing our members attend our members only social events. It is a great way for us to show how much we appreciate you! Please always feel free to bring a friend with you as we love to show off our home and have an opportunity to talk to more people about supporting us through a membership. I hope to see you at our upcoming member only happy hour events!*

**Monday, March 7th: Happy hour with hors d oeuvres 5-6pm, concert at 6pm.** You're in for a special treat! Peggy Reich, pianist, composer and an award-winning performing artist will grace our mansion with a private concert.

**Friday, April 29th: Arbor Day Celebration:** Join us along with the "Spruce up Austin" folks as we plant 3 trees in remembrance of Geordie, Tom and Jim—beloved grandsons of George and Lillian. We will have a happy hour bar and brats on the grill. This event will be open to the public, however, members are privy to an open bar and free food.

### **Autism and fundraising**

The Hormel Historic Home created Autism Friendly Austin to help the community become more Autism Friendly and Sensory Sensitive. Mary Barinka, the Community Autism Resource Specialist, drives this mission and has accomplished much since her hiring. Autism Friendly Austin will make our community and region a more inclusive and accepting place that strives to provide increased opportunities and improved outcomes to those on the spectrum.

Since this mission began in 2010, we have served a remarkable number of families and have met some amazing kids through the various camps we offer. Several of our campers have attended numerous years of programming with us. Their families tell us "We don't know what we'd do without these camps"!

To help combat the rising cost of our camps and ensure that every child who needs us is supported, we will be hosting 2 additional fundraising events in 2022.

#### **February 19, 2022—Bag Battle for Autism tournament at the HHH**

**How can you help?**

- 1. Participate in the tournament. Half of all entry fees goes directly to autism.**
- 2. Stop by to cheer on the teams and have some lunch.**
- 3. Visit our website and make a donation under our AUTISM PROGRAMMING tab. For every \$10 donated your name goes in a drawing for a custom made corn hole set valued at more than \$400. Donations will be accepted until Saturday, the 19th at 6:00pm. Drawing at 6:30pm.**

#### **May 1, 2022— Stepping out for Autism Walk & 5K run**

Please visit our website for more information.

## Lillian's Table

Treat your staff, family, friends or anyone special to our Lillian's Table culinary experience. Please call us for details and availability.

All profits from a Lillian's Table event goes toward supporting our missions.



The HHH now offers in house catering for all events, big or small. We have a variety of packages and are always adding more. Make your next event carefree and delicious! Let us know how we can make your next event a memorable one!

- "History meets the Future" Groom's Dinner Package
- Just say "I do" and our minimony wedding packages
- A variety of buffet or plated options for your small meeting or large event

### More events to look forward to at the HHH

**March 12th– Mystery Dinner Show-** tickets are on sale now. Limited to 50 people

**March 14th– History Happy Hour** (Happy hour at 5:30, presentation at 6:00). The Ku Klux Klan in Southern Minnesota presented by Susan V Hansen.

**April 11th– History Happy Hour** (Happy hour at 5:30, presentation at 6:00). Presentation topic to be announced

**May 3rd– Anita Ulwelling Day at the HHH.** Card playing and lunch, polka and brats. More information to come.

**May 21st– Annual Foodie Throwdown–** This year's theme "Backyard Barbeque"

**June 6th– Summer concert series, Music at the Mansion begins.** This year we will open the gates 1 hour prior to the concert and will be offering grilled foods for sale along with our bar and drink specials. The proceeds raised help with our general operating fund. Your support is always appreciated!

Keep an eye on your emails, our website and our social media as we share more details about these events.

Our collection is always growing. Pictured to the right is a painting by Elizabeth Hormel, circa 1909, recently donated to us by Howard M.

We are always interested in original Hormel family items. If you have any and are looking for a good home, please call us or stop by.



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- George A. Hormel

Hormel Foods

The Hormel family valued education and music and exuded a spirit of hospitality. Those values carried on through the work of the Y.W.C.A. and continue today as the mission of the Hormel Historic Home.

### Contact Us:

**208 4th Ave. NW ~ Austin, MN 55912 ~ 507-433-4243**

**Office & Tour Hours: Monday—Friday 10 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

**Self-guided tours are free for members; \$5 per person for non-members**

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### Hormel Historic Home

208 4th Ave. NW

Austin, MN 55912

In case you didn't know.....

Counting slaughtered hogs is one way to measure Hormel's pork processing growth. In 1891, George Hormel killed 610 hogs.

By 1924, that number swelled to 1 million. Today, the company's independent supplier in Austin processes nearly 20,000 pigs — a day — which adds up to more than 7 million annually.

**Open for walk in tours  
Monday—Friday  
10 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

### Calendar

Feb 19	Bag Battle for autism
Mar 5	Harris music contest
Mar 7	Member event
Mar 12	Mystery Dinner
Mar 14	History Happy Hour
Apr 11	History Happy Hour
Apr 29	Arbor Day Celebration/member event
May 1	Autism walk/ 5K run
May 3	Anita Ulwelling Day
May 11	Foodie Throwdown
June 1	Music at the Mansion kicks off

Money collected from tours and events helps support our missions.

If you know anyone looking for a fun part time job, send them our way. Since the introduction of our in house catering we keep getting busier and busier. We are looking for servers, kitchen help and bartenders.

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