

Nature's Finest: The Artistry of the Hautman Brothers



Fine Art Gallery Exhibit, Meet-the-Artists Opportunities & Minnesota Film Premiere

**Thursday, Sept. 7,
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

America's finest family of wildlife artists, Jim (from Chaska), Bob (from Delano) and Joe (from Plymouth) have created 50 new paintings for this Arboretum exhibit **Nature's Finest: The Artistry of the Hautman Brothers**. They often use scenes from the Arboretum as inspiration for their work. These Minnesota brothers have a long, winning history in the prestigious federal duck stamp competition, winning 12 times in the past 28 years. Last year, they made history by sweeping first, second and third place. The contest decides which painting will be made into the next year's duck stamp, a program that has raised millions of dollars for conservation efforts across the country. They are so big in the duck stamp world, they even made it into the Coen Brothers movie "Fargo" (both sets of brothers grew up a couple doors away from one another in St. Louis Park). The Hautmans will greet visitors in Reedy Gallery, take part in a Q & A and sign merchandise. The documentary "Million Dollar Duck," about the Federal Duck Stamp contest, will have its Minnesota premiere. Join us for this wonderful event!

**CLICK
HERE TO
REGISTER**

**\$30 members/
\$40 non-members,**
includes Arboretum
admission, passed hors
d'oeuvres, champagne
toast, meet-the-artists
opportunities, film premiere

*Limit 250, Reedy Gallery &
MacMillan Auditorium*

6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. / REGISTRATION

- Cash bar
- Browse Hautman merchandise at the Arboretum's Gift & Garden Store

6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. ART EXHIBIT & RECEPTION

Exhibit features (50) new paintings by the Hautman Brothers!

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

All (12) winning duck stamp original paintings by the Hautmans, never before seen in public together, will be on display this evening! These are from a private collection beginning with their 1990 win to the current 2017 stamp winner.

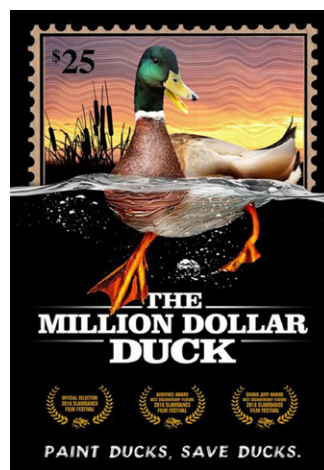
- Tour the exclusive exhibit at-your-own-pace and interact with the artists and docents stationed throughout the gallery
- Enjoy passed hors d'oeuvres
- Cash bar

EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY!

Select paintings in the exhibit will be available for purchase through the Arboretum Gift & Garden Store

7:20 - 7:30 p.m. / CHAMPAGNE TOAST

Get seated in MacMillan Auditorium for the movie



7:45 p.m. - 8:55 p.m. PREMIERE MOVIE SCREENING Million Dollar Duck (Documentary)

This film focuses on the strange and wonderful world of the Federal Duck Stamp Contest, the only juried art competition authorized by the U.S. government. It explores the eccentric nature of the contestants who enter each year for a chance at wildlife art stardom, while also reflecting upon the history and

challenges facing the continued existence of this successful conservation program.

- Cash bar will be available throughout the movie

9 p.m. / Q&A

Learn more from a 15 minutes session Q&A with the Hautman Brothers as well as wetland experts

9:15 p.m. / HAUTMAN SIGNING

Merchandise Signing with the Hautman Brothers at the Gift & Garden Store

For more information: <http://arboretum.umn.edu/HautmanBrosEvent.aspx>