

# Tom Palmore

For more than 35 years, Tom Palmore has painted animal portraits with a reverence for his subject and a masterful technical prowess. His ultra-real portraits of animals in oil and acrylic offer a unique and often comical juxtaposition of technical literalism and surreal, imaginative context.

Born in Oklahoma in 1945, Palmore's education and art training occurred at several institutions, concluding with the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia in 1969. His work appears in numerous corporate collections and in such prominent public collections as the Smithsonian Institution, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Brooklyn Museum, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Denver Museum of Art, the New Orleans Museum of Art, the National Museum of Wildlife Art, the Saint Louis Museum of Art and the Indianapolis Museum of Art."

Palmore's witty and whimsical portraits take our human instinct toward personification of animals to an extreme. It's been said of the artist that he approaches each painting as though the subject itself commissioned it. This inversion of role between artist and subject is perhaps one of the predominant ways the artist achieves the illusionary quality so intrinsic to his work. When asked what his paintings are about, he says, "They're about other earthlings that we share this planet with...and about our relationship with them." Palmore's paintings have a masterly eloquence that elevates his subjects' status and renders them in oil and acrylic with the dignity, even personality, suggestive of his view of their full partnership on the earth with humans.

## Timeline

1963–1965

University of Nevada, Reno, NV

1965–1966

North Texas State University, Denton, TX.

1967–1969

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art, Philadelphia, PA  
Toppan Award, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA  
Purchase Award, Whitney Museum of Art, NY  
First Prize, Cheltenham Art Center, Philadelphia, PA  
Purchase Award, Cheltenham Art Center, Philadelphia, PA  
Artist of the Year Award, Santa Fean Magazine, NM  
Silver Pencil Award, New York Graphic Society, NY  
Education North Texas State University, Denton, TX

## Featured Collections

- Brooklyn Museum
- Denver Art Museum
- Museum of Fine Arts Santa Fe, NM
- Philadelphia Museum of Art
- Whitney Museum of Art
- Cody Museum in Cody, WY
- Cowboy Hall of Fame Museum in Oklahoma City, OK
- Phoenix Museum of Art in Phoenix, AZ
- Smithsonian Aeronautical Museum in Washington DC

## Exhibitions

- 2018  
J. Cacciola Gallery, Bernardsville, *2018 Winter Invitational*
- 2017  
J. Cacciola Gallery, Bernardsville, *Winter Invitational*
- 2018  
*J. Cacciola Gallery at Art Palm Springs 2018*
- 2007  
Los Angeles Art Show (exhibited by LewAllen Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM) at Barker Hangar, Santa Monica, CA
- 2006  
"Portraits of the Animal World" LewAllen Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
- 2005  
Small Works, LewAllen Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
- 2003  
LewAllen Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
- 2002  
Newman & Saunders Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 1998  
"Other Earthlings", J. Cacciola Galleries, New York, NY
- 1995  
"Animal World," J. Cacciola Galleries, New York, NY
- 1995  
Roland Betts Gallery Santa Fe, NM
- 1995  
Horwitch/Newman Phoenix, AZ
- 1994  
US Artists Exhibition, Philadelphia Academy of Arts
- 1994  
J. Cacciola Galleries NYC
- 1993  
Elaine Horwitch Gallery Santa Fe, NM
- 1993  
"Tom Palmore/William Shepherd/Rudy Fernandez", J. Cacciola Galleries NYC
- 1993  
Tokyo Art Fair, Tokyo, Japan

1993  
Horwitch Gallery Santa Fe, NM

1993  
Prairie Edge Gallery South Dakota

1992  
"Small Paintings", J. Cacciola Galleries NYC

1992  
Elaine Horwitch Gallery Santa Fe, NM

1991  
Sherry Frumkin Gallery Santa Monica, CA

1991  
"Tom Palmore and Rudy Fernandez: New Work", Sherry Frumkin Gallery Santa Monica, CA

1991  
"Collections", St. Louis Art Museum St. Louis, MO

1991  
"A Beastly Exhibition", South Bend Art Center South Bend, IN

1989  
"Birds, Bulls, and a Couple of Monkeys", Gerald Peters Gallery Santa Fe, NM

1986  
"Recent Paintings", Gerald Peters Gallery Dallas, TX

1986  
"Recent Paintings", Elaine Horwitch Gallery Palm Springs, CA

1985  
"Performing Animals", Route 66 Philadelphia, PA

1984  
"Texas Wildlife", F.C.I. Fort Worth, TX