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*Dear readers,
dear Hummel fans!*

On the occasion of the Wagner Festival in nearby Bayreuth, actor and entertainer Thomas Gottschalk paid us his respects: The TV host came with son, daughter-in-law and the little grandson and took a look behind the scenes of our Manufaktur.

It will be fall soon and thus "Kerwa" time. When the weather is good, we enjoy the color burst of the leaves in nature, when it's rainy and windy, we cuddle up at home comfortably on the sofa. Whatever October brings: We wish you a pleasant time!

Be prepared for Christmas: We have great new figurines that make perfect gifts. We have already presented some of them in the last issues. Today, we present to you our brave Indian, the charming small Princess Charlotte, an eager wandering trio and our fearless schoolboy who defies the adversities of the weather.

This time in a portrait: one creative employee. Former apprentice and ceramist Daniela Spröh writes fantasy novels.

Your Hummel editorial staff sends warm greetings!

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We brave the weather!

Even when it rains and the weather turns uncomfortable slowly: We learn a lesson from our Hummel children. The siblings don't let wind and rain get them down. Instead they cuddle closely together under their umbrella. The boy grabs his stick firmly. And out they are into nature, enjoying the fresh air and the wind!



Stormy Weather

Reinhold Unger
1937

HUM 71 2/0

4.5 in., \$ 310

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German entertainer Thomas Gottschalk visits "Hummel"

The well-known entertainer, actor and TV host took his family on a private visit to Rödentel.

Thomas Gottschalk used his visit to the nearby Wagner Festival in Bayreuth for a flying visit of a highly private nature. At the invitation of Hummel boss Bernd Förtsch, the popular entertainer, actor and TV host stopped by for a very private and personal visit to the Hummel Manufaktur in Rödentel in August.

Of course, the entertainer was also allowed to stick his "big" nose intensively into the production.

In America, "Hummels" are appreciated and loved and find a home. So they have something in common with Thomas Gottschalk. The presenter has lived in his adopted home Malibu in California for years. After long years of abstinence, the 68-year-old once again attended the Bayreuth Wagner Festival and visited his old home country. They also found another thing he had in common with Hummel



boss Bernd Förtsch: Thomas Gottschalk is an honorary citizen, Bernd Förtsch a bearer of the Silver Citizen Medal of the city of Kulmbach.



Until the end, the employees of the color and white production were unaware of just who would come to look over their shoulders during their responsible activities. Due to the announcement of a "famous" visitor who was to arrive around noon, they had postponed their break. They were all the more delighted and enthusiastic when Thomas Gottschalk stopped by and chatted casually with them. Hummel modeler Anette Barth, who explained her work on the original clay model to the TV host, found him to be "a great star and a wonderful person". With her and her colleague Tamara Fuchs as well as master sculptor Marion Huschka, the vivid Hummel figures are "born".

And Thomas Gottschalk? The entertainer now knows exactly where and how the coveted Hummel figurines are made. During the two-hour tour, which not only took him to the sculptors, but also to the foundry, the

injection molding shop, the model and mold making department and to the ceramic painters, he showed his sympathetic and completely private side.

The TV host had brought along his son Roman, his daughter-in-law Melissa and his grandson. Little Sebastian also received a very special gift from Bernd Förtsch: Our "Hummel" 656, a little sleeping boy in a cradle. The copy was provided with a personal inscription. And Thomas Gottschalk also received an original present: The figurine "Bavarian Toast" will always remind him of his Bavarian homeland (and its cuisine), even in America. The little Hummel boy has a hearty liter of beer in his hand and serves it with white sausages and a pretzel.



Gottschalk in the media

Of course, the famous visitor did not go unnoticed. Numerous articles appeared in the local press such as the *Frankenpost*, the *Südthüringer Zeitung*, the *Coburger Tageblatt* and the *Neue Presse*.

Wake Up! Boy
Marion Huschka
2016
HUM 656
3.50 in., \$ 260
Order HUM 656
online now!



Bavarian Toast
Marion Huschka
2016
HUM 2344
4.75 in., \$ 249
Order HUM 2344
online now

Fall is hiking time

We accompany our hiking trio into nature

When the leaves turn colorful and the air is already crisp early in the morning, it is time to put on your hiking boots. During the day, the autumn sun sends its mild rays into nature. We enjoy the play of colors of the leaves and collect the first Mushrooms in the woods.

A pastor had asked Sister Maria Innocentia for a hiking motif in March 1938. He ordered a drawing for his living room that expresses the "thought of wandering." The parish priest was a member of the third order of St. Francis and was the father of the Emmaus hostel, which was established for homeless people. The oil painting that Sister Maria Innocentia

Painted for him was entitled "After Emmaus". The picture of the three traveling journeymen appeared in a similar form in the Verlag Josef Müller and served as a model for our new Hummel figure "Three Little Wanderers".

Modeler Marion Huschka created a figure rich in detail and complicated to manufacture. The wayside cross is supported which is essential for an even firing and drying. A special mold must be made for this purpose.

Thirty individual parts are assembled by garnisher Thomas Fenzel. Every detail has to fit! "The garnishing is very elaborate,"

Three Little Wanderers

Marion Huschka
2018

HUM 927

9.5 in., \$ 2,150

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he explains. He creates a total of five figures in one working day. Also the third wanderer is cast extra and comes only after the painting in addition. Even for experienced painters it would otherwise not be possible to color all the spaces in between exactly.

That's why Claudia Förtsch turns her copy partly upside down. Painting eyelashes and eyes is precision work, because the skilled worker has to work brush and feather past the wayside cross. And all handles must be well thought out. You need dexterity, a steady hand and great skill!



It's time for the parish fair again

There will be a big party in Franconia

Kerwa", the consecration of the church, was celebrated in the Middle Ages already and was originally an ecclesiastical festival, which was held for the consecration of a new church. This was often also known as the "Patrocinium Festival" and returned every year. In order to limit the increasingly excessive scope of church consecration celebrations, the village consecrations were finally moved to a central date. Thus the term "Allerweltskirchweih" prevailed for a sort of catch-all celebration.

"Kerwa" is celebrated in numerous places here in Upper Franconia. Musicians play their "Ständele", their serenades, in front of every house in the village and receive schnapps and a small contribution for it.

A roast goose or duck pepper roast is prepared with the blood and meat of freshly slaughtered animals, while the smell

of a delicious "sheet cake" comes from the oven. The women in the village "pull" traditional baked goods by hand – Franconian crullers sprinkled with icing sugar.

Would you like to know where we celebrate in the region? The pleasure region Coburg has published a Kerwa calendar (www.genussregion-coburg.de).

The importance of the dance linden trees

In Upper Franconia, Bavaria and Thuringia, linden trees were used as a meeting place, for example a village court. People especially liked dancing under or "on" the linden trees at village festivals, especially Kerwa. In some "trained" linden trees, a platform was built in the branches which was often also supported by columns on the ground. The floor was covered with wooden slats and served as a dance floor. Two of these impressive linden trees are still intact today and stand in neighboring Thuringia in Effelder and in Peesten in Upper Franconia.



Dance linden tree Effelder

Foto: © Klaus Heinemann



When it's stormy outside...

Our little schoolboy must be out in all weathers

When it gets stormy in October, the wind whistles around the house and the sky is full of clouds – we make ourselves comfortable on the sofa at home, cuddle up in a warm blanket and enjoy the sight of our dear schoolboy.

Maybe you also have children or grandchildren who have to go outside in all weathers – just like our little schoolboy? With a worried look to the sky he holds his umbrella ready. Fully laden, he is on his way to school, has shouldered his satchel and carries his books carefree under his arm – fully convinced that they won't fall down!

In the year 1981, sculptor Gerhard Skrobek breathed life into the small

boy and thus created memories of his own school days. We have redesigned the figurine: with blue eyes that give the little boy a very special expression.

"In order for a Hummel figurine to get its desired finish, it is given a glaze," skilled worker Anne Hammer-schmidt reveals. "The mixture contains a special proportion of quartz," she explains, "to achieve that desired glass effect." After the smooth firing, our specimen finally comes out of the oven with the desired shine.

In painting, our schoolboy finally gets his colored decor.



Is it Raining?
Gerhard Skrobek
1981
HUM 420
6.25 in., \$ 380
Oder HUM 420
online now



A gift for the Hummel boss

"Blessed Event" finds a new home

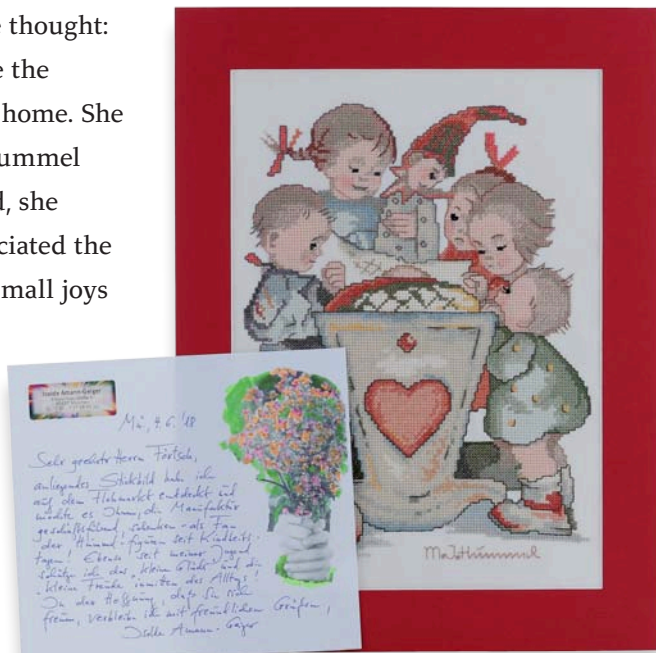
A Munich woman accidentally discovered a lovingly embroidered Hummel picture and gave it to the boss of the Hummel Manufaktur. Because she thought: It should bring joy where the Hummel figurines are at home. She has been a "fan" of the Hummel figurines since childhood, she wrote. "I have also appreciated the little happiness and the small joys in the midst of everyday life since I was a young girl."

When Isolde Amann-Geiger discovered this picture in the second-

hand department store, she knew: "I have to buy this." Five children gather around the cradle and marvel at the

newborn sibling. Sister Maria Innocentia had called this work "Das große Ereignis". She immediately liked the "jewel" in the "great passe-partout" and immediately recognized the Hummel motif – also because of the typical lettering, the 68-year-old said. "Hummel cards have accompanied me through childhood. I loved to have the child under the umbrella in my collection."

"I enjoy giving pleasure to others," the Munich-based artist says – very much like Sister Maria Innocentia, the creator of the Hummel pictures. And similar to her, Isolde Amann-Geiger is actively creative: not as a painter, but as an author of stories, verses and songs for adults and children.



Famous Birthdays in October



Mahatma Gandhi:

The Indian lawyer was born on 2 October 1869 in Porbandar.

He was a political and spiritual leader of the Indian independence movement and an advocate of non-violent resistance.



Pablo Picasso:

The Spanish painter and sculptor of Cubism was born on 25 October 1881 in Málaga, Spain. He is one of the most important artists of the 20th century.



Herbal expert Angela Schult recommends:

Hazelnuts – the “superfood” from local nature

They are known as a typical comfort food: Due to their high lecithin content, they have a positive effect on nerve function and memory if you eat them regularly. Hazelnuts are rich in calories but unlike other nuts they contain a very high proportion of vitamin E, which protects skin cells against free radicals. Other ingredients are minerals like calcium, magnesium, iron and zinc and dietary fibers for a healthy intestinal flora.



Passionate herb collector and cook Angela Schult combines “wild stuff” with regional market vegetables and oriental spices. Her recipes are available in her blog www.wildeschote.com



My delicious wild herb recipe:

Couscous with hazelnuts and edible flowers

150 g couscous, prepared according to the packing instructions
3 tbsp olive oil
2 large red onions, cut into half rings

1-2 tablespoons red balsamic vinegar
3 tbsp raisins
a handful of hazelnuts, roasted and chopped

1 teaspoon cumin and cilantro each
Sea salt
Black Pepper

Heat the olive oil and fry the onion rings in it. Deglaze with the balsamic vinegar and add the raisins, half of the nuts and the spices. Steam for an-

other 3 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir half of the onions into the couscous, put it on the plates and spread the rest of the onions on

top. Sprinkle with edible flowers (like dead-nettle, daisy or Indian cress, which can also be found in your garden) and other nuts. Bon appetit!



Ride with us through the prairie

A great gift for young and old adventurers

Who doesn't know him? Proud warrior and chief: Winnetou on his black stallion Iltschi. Together with his friend Old Shatterhand, he rides side by side, facing all adversities, sharing joy and sorrow at the campfire. Winnetou was created by famous German author Karl May. Since it was first published in 1893, the Winnetou trilogy has been read millions of times. The movie adaptations from the 1960s, starring Pierre Brice, Lex Barker, Mario Adorf and Uschi Glas, were a box-office hit.

This year, the Winnetou books celebrate their 125th birthday.

The Hummel Manufaktur has taken this anniversary as an opportunity to issue the figurine "Chief Clear Sight". Sculptor Marion Huschka designed her Indian chief with great attention to detail: For example, the fringes on the top and the belt are structured in relief. The headband has a pattern and a feather. The "little Indian" shades his face with his hand and gazes into the distance with alert eyes. The next adventure awaits!



Chief Clear Sight
Marion Huschka
2018
HUM 2417
5 in., \$ 290
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"May I introduce myself? I am Princess Charlotte"

Give the gift of pure joy at Christmas

Who wouldn't take that little girl into heart with that gaze? She dutifully sits on the stool, a bow holds her hair, her hands lie still in her lap and she seems to wait patiently. Sculptor Anette Barth designed this brand new, cute British style girl figurine that delights us.

The little princess is particularly popular with our collectors and is

happily given away. Think of your loved ones now: A small Charlotte under the Christmas tree warms the hearts of all.

Watch the creation:
The first molds are

created at the model-making department. Our specialists work with saws, hammers, knives and brushes and proceed carefully and with precision. The first figurines are assembled after casting, every detail carefully worked out. Only an immaculate princess is allowed to move on to the painting department where she will get her pretty face.

Charlotte

Anette Barth
2018

HUM 2410

4.75 in., \$ 290

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The Christmas tree for the Queen wins

The City of Coburg receives the Bavarian State Prize for City Marketing

Every two years, the Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs awards the Bavarian State Prize for City Marketing. The city of Coburg received it this year for the campaign "A Christmas tree for the Queen".

The background: The husband of the English Queen Victoria, Prince Albert, who came from the Dukedom of Sachsen-Coburg-Saalfeld (later Gotha) and was born at Rosenau Castle in Rödental, brought German traditions along to England. From then on, Christmas at the Queen's house was celebrated with a Christmas tree and mouth-blown Christmas ornaments.



Foto: © Sebastian Buff, Stadtmarketing Stadt Coburg

On the occasion of this tradition, the city of Coburg donated a stately Nordmann fir with glass jewelry to the English Queen Elizabeth II from neighboring Lauscha in Thuringia. The Christmas tree was decorated with around 2,000 mouth-blown golden glass balls and placed in front of Windsor Castle. The action was taken up by many media and reached a wide audience.

According to the jury, the clever use of a "special feature, namely the royal reference to the city", decided the award. As a result, the city has achieved Europe-wide feedback. Congratulations!

Exclusive collector's item

Get it! Our playing boy is limited to only 500 pieces. In addition to the certificate, each specimen comes with a hand-written ceramic display stand with name, limitation number and the floor mark.

With the figure designed by master sculptor Gerhard Skrobek in 1985, you will receive an exclusive collector's item that is certain to increase in value. You can read the story about little Jochen Edinger and the career of the figurine in *Postillion* and in the *Hummel-Post*.

If you already own the figure, you will of course receive the display and certificate.



Where shall I go?

Gerhard Skrobek
2018

HUM 465

4.5 in., \$ 290

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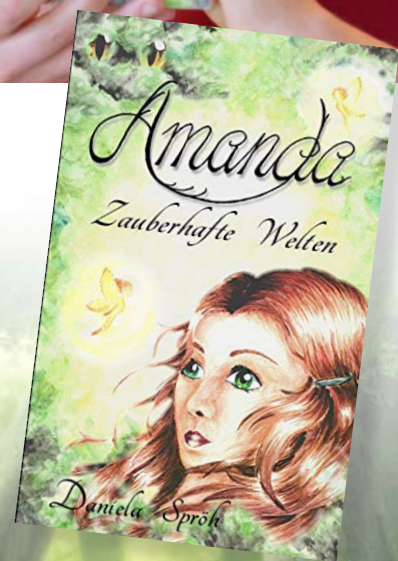
Young talents at the Hummel Manufaktur

Ceramic painter Daniela Spröh writes fantasy books

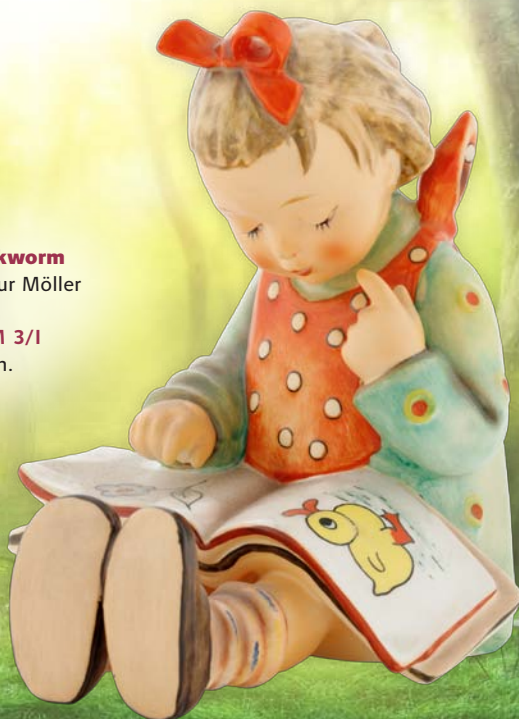
Daniela Spröh is 20 years young and works as a trained industrial ceramist in the painting department of the Hummel Manufaktur. In her spare time, the young woman spent years writing a novel for young people. "I started writing at the age of fourteen in school," she says. Her family supports the young author. "My grandmother and my dad insisted that I find a publisher for the finished work," the author says. "My grandmother really wanted to read the book and she liked it too." The grandmother was also allowed lots of constructive criticism: The young writer kept the list with her comments and took them to heart.

The novel is aimed at young people. "The book is about a fantastic world with fairies and trolls," Daniela Spröh explains. It is called "Amanda – magical worlds". The heroine is a young girl who, after the death of her mother, is confronted with magical creatures and mystical secrets.

Although the young author did not lack acceptances from publishers, she decided to publish the book herself together with her father at Books on Demand. You can buy it on Daniela's website www.daniela-sproeh.jimdo.com. Meanwhile, the young ceramic painter is already working hard on a sequel in her spare time. We'll keep our fingers crossed for her!



Bookworm
Arthur Möller
1935
HUM 3/I
5.5 in.



Letter to the editor

Reader Hannelore from Hestia owns 261 Hummel figurines and is a passionate collector. With her little story, she lets us share in how much joy giving can be:

"I fondly remember this Christmas Eve many years ago. My girlfriend admired my figurines and was especially fond of 'Stormy Weather' (HUM 71). We give each other little presents for Christmas and birthdays. But the figure was too expensive a gift for me to give alone, despite some calculations back and forth.

Then I had the idea to ask her father if we should buy the figurine together to give to her for Christmas. I added the birthday and her father, who was such a dear, immediately agreed. We kept it all secret from her ... and I knew that sometime on Christmas Eve, the phone would ring and I would get a call from a school friend who was totally beside herself. The surprise was such a huge success, her joy immense!

Her parents and we were happy for her. I won't forget that, and I don't think she will either. Her mother, my husband, everyone had joined in. And everybody could rejoice in her joy. That was greeaaaaat. This is one Hummel story of quite a few that I've experienced."

Our response:

Thank you very much for the great story, which we like to share with our readers! We are sending back heartfelt greetings with our "Playmates", the first figurine our letter writer has collected.

In 1936, master sculptor Reinhold Unger created the figurine which was reinterpreted 28 years later

by master sculptor Gerhard Skrobek. It is now available in three sizes: 3.5, 4.0 and 4.25 inches.

Playmates

Gerhard Skrobek
1986

HUM 58 2/0

3.5 in., \$ 260

Order HUM 58 2/0
online now



Welcome

A festival for young and old on the "Day of Generations"

On Sunday, October 21st, the Hummel Manufaktur will open its doors from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: We would like to welcome you to the "Day of Generations". Experience our innovations "live". Gaze into blue, green or brown eyes and let yourself be enchanted by the sight of our "Hummels".

Of course you can take a look around our newly designed shop to your heart's

content on this day. In the Hummel-Shop, you can buy your "favorite Hummel" with a five percent discount on the regular price. Other things awaiting you are our "Blue Jeans Wanderer", the first figurine wearing a pair of jeans, our brave Indian and our lovely princess "Charlotte".

During guided tours through the Manufaktur, you can look over the

shoulders of the sculptors as they create the first model of a new Hummel figurine from soft clay. You can experience up close how

shapes are created, how individual parts are cast and how a figure is "born". Take a look at our kilns in which the figures "sweat" strongly during the biscuit firing at 1,140 degrees to make them non-slip. Be amazed when the painters give the lovely "Hummel children" their lovable look and feel with their specially developed colors and lots of craftsmanship.

Brand new: Our "Hummel" movie is finished and will be presented at the in-house cinema. Here you can experience in advance how a Hummel figurine is "born" and which complex craftsmanship skills are necessary – while sitting comfortably in your armchair and then indulging yourself with coffee and cake.



My Edelweiss
Anette Barth
2018
HUM 2395
5.75 in., \$ 360
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