





# Bird x Bird 2006

## The Fifth Annual Avian Portrait Project

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Friday, October 6, 6:00-9:00pm, Northrup King Building, Gallery 322

**Minneapolis** – Bird x Bird (also known as bird by bird) presents its fifth annual fall exhibition and auction featuring works in all media about, and for, the birds by 100 regionally and nationally known contemporary artists with a reception and silent auction October 6 from 6:00 to 9:00p.m. (exhibition preview with beginning bids on Thursday, October 5 from 5:00-9:00p.m.) at the Northrup King Building, Gallery 332, 1500 Jackson St. in N.E. Minneapolis.

Since 2002, Bird x Bird (a nonprofit organization) has enlisted painters, printmakers, photographers, sculptors and multi-media artists to create works of art in response to data collected about avian species. Each year the artworks created are exhibited and auctioned, raising funds to benefit organizations that advocate for the environment. Bird x Bird's mission is to stimulate a creative interface between artists, scientists and the public in an effort to enhance the stewardship of wild species and the environmental education of human beings.

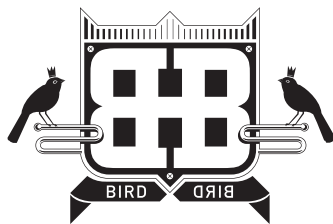
The works featured in Bird x Bird 2006 are decidedly contemporary; ranging widely in style, media and content offering diverse interpretations that are lyrical, ironic, humorous or provocative. The birds testify to the current state of affairs - they serve as surrogates for other species, messengers from their creators and resonate with our fundamental connection to nature. The exhibition includes indigenous species, imaginary species, and deconstructed species and examines our contemporary relationships with the Earth. Bird x Bird 2006 will present over three hundred works of art including art by Doug Argue, Julie Baugnet, Angela Cockayne, Jennifer Davis, Alexa Horochowski, Barbara Kreft, David Lefkowitz, Dean Luckner, Judy Onofrio, Faye Passow, Melba Price, Nancy Randall, Linda Rossi, Jenny Schmid, Chris Sullivan, Bruce Tapola, Xavier Tavera and Katherine Turczan.

Bird x Bird lives through the intention and collective action of artists from Minnesota and from other states and countries. Since its inception Bird x Bird it has grown from 10 to 150 participants, including artists from Minnesota, Wisconsin, California, Illinois, Oregon, Washington, New York, Arizona, Montana, Missouri and the UK. Today Bird x Bird exhibitions are curated by its founder and artistic director, Cynde Randall.

### About Bird x Bird's 2006 Partners

Since 2004, Bird x Bird has maintained a partnership with Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary (EBWG) at Theodore Wirth Park in Minneapolis and Audubon Center of the North Woods (ACNW) a K-12 environmental learning center in Sandstone Minnesota. Both EBWG and ACNW collect and share data about avian species with Bird x Bird - data posted on its website (created by Bird x Bird artist Carmen Vazalt) as an educational and inspirational source for the project artists. The website receives numerous hits from visitors around the world each day (see [www.birdxbird.org](http://www.birdxbird.org) )

Proceeds from BirdxBird 2006 will support future bird banding and wildlife rehabilitation at ACNW; support the bird sanctuary and bird programming at EBWG; and provide support for BirdxBird's 2007 activity.



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### **Bird x Bird's Avian Data –Why does it matter?**

The bird banding program at ACNW gathers data about species that nest in Minnesota in an effort to better understand the lives of birds and the conservation strategies needed to help reverse population declines, and maintain stable or increasing populations of various avian species. ACNW's education raptors (great horned owl, screech owls, red tail hawks, falcon, and bald eagle) serve as avian ambassadors for their educational programs with kids. The avian data from EBWG is compiled by the garden's naturalists whose phenology notes record the daily sightings of birds, mammals, herps, insects, and plants. Over time, these notes help park naturalists to better understand the dynamics of the park's flora and fauna.

### **Bird x Bird History**

BirdxBird began in 2002 as an avian portrait project to benefit the Minnesota Wildlife Haven (MWH), a small medical facility on the north side of Minneapolis that served orphaned and injured wild animals from 2002 until 2004. Cynde Randall, an artist and volunteer at MWH conceived the project as a way to acknowledge each and every bird cared for by the MWH through original works of art. Randall invited 10 artists to meet and consider the possibility of making a visual archive of the clinic's 500 avian patients that nesting season. The project's founding artists include David Lefkowitz, Carolyn Swiszczy, Bruce Tapola, Melba Price, Cynde Randall, Ann Wood, Dean Lucker, Jim Ockuly, Lee Anne Swanson, and Alexa Horochowski.

For more information about Bird x Bird contact Cynde Randall at [cyndebxb@mn.rr.com](mailto:cyndebxb@mn.rr.com) or 612 432-4791.

For directions to the Northrup King Building visit [www.northrupkingbuilding.com](http://www.northrupkingbuilding.com).

For assistance with handicap access, please call (612) 432-4791.

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 Alsbach, John  
 Andersen, Norman  
 Arajs, Yuri  
 Argue, Doug  
 Ballard, Roxy  
 Bart, Harriet  
 Bauemler, Chris  
 Baugnet, Julie  
 Belleau, Sara  
 Blumer, Jill  
 Booker, Robert  
 Britton Clouse, Mary  
 Callahan, Pat  
 Carina, Michael  
 Cheronis, Kristin  
 Cockayne, Angela  
 Conrad, Dennis  
 Corrigan, Kat  
 Crickenberger, Amy  
 Curmano, Billy  
 Davis, Jennifer  
 Diebel, John  
 Dryden, Jim  
 Eastman, Kit  
 Elftmann, Jan  
 Emerson, Welles  
 Evans, Jil  
 Ewald, Jill  
 Felien, Clea  
 Fisher, Carole  
 Gibney, Mary  
 Godollei, Ruthann  
 Gorcica, Bill  
 Grill, Margo  
 Hammerlinck, Geoffrey  
 Handy, Theresa

Hanesgard, Sarah  
 Heath, Susan  
 Horochowski, Alexa  
 Housewolf, C.M.  
 Jenkins, Jenny  
 Kaspari, Brad  
 Katsiaticas, Diane  
 Klaila, Bill  
 Klefstad, Ann  
 Kozmalski, Suzanne  
 Kreft, Barbara  
 Leedy, Sherry  
 Lefkowitz, David  
 Lingscheit, Emmy  
 Lucker, Dean  
 Lund, Jeffrey  
 Lunderby, Jacob  
 MacGuffie, Andrew  
 McCartney, Paula  
 Miller, Casey  
 Millikan, Jeff  
 Neher, Andrew  
 Nei, Barbra  
 Nelms, Celeste  
 Newton, Jessica  
 Nusz, Ruben  
 Ockuly, Julia  
 Olofsdotter, Marie  
 Onofrio, Judy  
 Passow, Faye  
 Payne, Terrence  
 Pearson, John  
 Pieper, Joel  
 Piotrowski, Timothy G.  
 Piske, Margrette  
 Platt, Jeanne  
 Price, Melba

Proctor, Jim  
 Randall, Cynde  
 Randall, Nancy  
 Robinson, Nancy  
 Schmid, Jenny  
 Senne, Brad  
 Shigaki, BJ  
 Snobeck, Luke  
 Snobeck, Valerie  
 Stang, Melissa  
 Stangler, Michael  
 Stoltz, Jacob  
 Sullivan, Chris  
 Swiszcz, Carolyn  
 Tapola, Bruce  
 Tavera, Xavier  
 Turczan, Katherine  
 VanCleve, Kate  
 Vazalt, Carmen  
 Vermeland, Cate  
 Wadsworth, Lynn  
 Wert, Christy  
 Wilcox, Chris  
 Wittenberg, Jay



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**Bob Crump, 2005**



**Vazalt, 2005**



**Dennis Conrad, 2004**



**Jennifer Davis, 2005**



**Melba Price, 2005**