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***Birds in Art* Exhibition Opens September 5 at the Montshire Museum**

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Birds in Art, a traveling exhibition of some of the world's finest contemporary artworks about birds, will make its only Northeast stop at the Montshire Museum of Science September 5 - 25 and October 1 -12. (The Museum will be closed September 26 - 30.)

Featuring a truly international group of painters and sculptors from 10 countries, the juried show organized by the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wisconsin has earned a reputation as one of the world's most premiere wildlife art shows.

From super-realism to highly creative works, the 60 artists in the exhibition explore a variety of techniques, ideas, and species in two or three dimensions. Arizona artist Adele Earnshaw uses traditional oil on canvas to depict barn swallows jetting past freshly laundered sheets on a clothesline, while the German artist Harro Maass portrays a skimmer with its scalpel-like bill slicing open the surface of the painting!

Celebrate the great beauty and diversity of birds at the Montshire Museum in Norwich, Vermont, beginning September 5. *Birds in Art* is free with Museum admission.

<http://www.montshire.org/pressroom/images/birds-in-art/Earnshaw.jpg>

Adele Earnshaw, *In the Wind*, 2008, oil on canvas

<http://www.montshire.org/pressroom/images/birds-in-art/Cherry.jpg>

Tim Cherry, *Bottoms Up Duck*, 2008, Bronze

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Cathy Gazda, *Upstream*, 2007, acrylic on canvas

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Krystii Melaine, *Chook, Chook, Chook*, 2008, oil on canvas on board

<http://www.montshire.org/pressroom/images/birds-in-art/Maass.jpg>

Harro Maass, *Skimmer*, 2008, Acrylic on hardboard

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The Montshire Museum of Science is a hands-on science center located on 110 acres in Norwich, Vermont. Visitors will enjoy more than 100 interactive exhibits relating to the natural sciences, physical sciences, technology, and more. The Montshire is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day).