

# Children's Collaborative Exhibit at the Hudgens Center

February 6 through April 24, 2021

Opening Event: Saturday, February 6, 2021

In February 2021, Brickworks Gallery and Atlanta Audubon are partnering with the Hudgens Center for the Arts in Gwinnett County to feature an art show entitled "**Three Billion**" — representing the three billion North American birds that have been lost in the past 50 years, according to a recently released study. The causes for the loss of these birds, many of them familiar backyard birds, include habitat loss, overuse of pesticides, building strikes, and free roaming domestic cats. To learn more visit [www.3billionbirds.org](http://www.3billionbirds.org).

The artists invited to this show have demonstrated a long commitment to environmental causes, with a focus on birds and bird life. In addition to the fine art programming of the show, a collaborative Children's Exhibit will be featured, where children of all ages can participate in creating a large collage.

The Children's Exhibit, entitled **#BringBirdsBack**, will be created with the help of Atlanta Audubon, a nonprofit conservation organization building places where birds and people thrive ([www.atlantaaudubon.org](http://www.atlantaaudubon.org)).

Although the magnitude of the loss of these birds seems overwhelming, there are seven simple strategies ordinary people can employ to help our feathered friends.

1. **Make Windows Safer, Day and Night:** Simple adjustments to your windows can save birds' lives.
2. **Keep Cats Indoors:** Indoor cats live longer, healthier lives. Outdoor cats kill more birds than any other non-native threat.
3. **Reduce Lawn by Planting Native Species:** The U.S. has 63 million acres of lawn. There's a huge potential to support wildlife by planting native plants that attract birds and other wildlife.
4. **Avoid Pesticides:** Look for organic food choices and cut out some of the 1 billion pounds of pesticides used in the U.S. each year.
5. **Drink Coffee That's Good for Birds:** Shade-grown coffees are delicious, economically beneficial to farmers, and help more than 42 species of North American songbirds.
6. **Protect Our Planet From Plastics:** 91% of plastics are not recycled, and they take 400 years to degrade.
7. **Watch Birds, Share What You See:** Bird watchers are one of science's most vital sources of data on how the ecological world is faring.

## Call for Artwork: Children's Exhibit

Youth aged 18 and under are invited to submit a piece of artwork for inclusion in the Children's Exhibit. Please adhere to the following guidelines for submission:

- Artwork may be in any medium.
- Artwork must address the theme **#BringBirdsBack** through depiction of one (or more) of the 7 solutions above or by drawing attention to current threats to birds.
- Artwork should be on an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper. Please include artist's name and age on the back.
- Submissions must be made by January 15, 2021, in person or by mail to Brickworks Gallery at 686-A Greenwood Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

For more information, please contact Beverly Fooks, Atlanta Audubon, at [beverly@atlantaaudubon.org](mailto:beverly@atlantaaudubon.org) or 678-973-2437.

