

## **For Immediate Release**

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The Arroyo Arts Collective presents:

### *For the Birds*

a site-specific installation project on the parkland of the Audubon Center at Debs Park, featuring works by artists inspired by local birds, bird habitat and migration, urban ecology and the works of James John Audubon. This event is co-sponsored by the Audubon Center at Debs Park.

April 9 through May 7, 2011.

Calendar Listing: Art Community: The Arroyo Arts Collective presents *For the Birds*, a month long installation project on the grounds of the Audubon Center at Debs Park. *For the Birds* will treat visitors to a rare glimpse of an urban wildlife sanctuary, set in a Northeast Los Angeles neighborhood that has long been a haven for artists. This collaboration between two sets of “rare birds” allows a time for quiet reflection on the fragile ecosystems that surround both. Exploring a wide range of themes related to local birds, artists will construct temporary installations in the parkland of the Center, a haven for nearly 140 bird species. Visitors will enjoy a unique blend of art and nature as they follow trail maps to the installation sites. A gallery show of bird related artwork by Arroyo Arts Collective members will be exhibited inside the Center and auctioned to benefit the Audubon Center at the closing reception on May 7, from 2 to 5 p.m., with music by the band, Artichoke. In addition to the Opening and Closing Receptions, *For the Birds* features three Saturday activities for families: Paper Bag Puppet Making, on April 16, from 2 to 4 p.m., a bilingual Bird walk on April 23, at 9 a.m. and Conservation and Conversations, featuring conversations with the artists and an opportunity to help with habitat restoration in the park, on April 30 at 10 a.m. The Audubon Center is located at 4700 North Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90031. Information at [ArroyoArtsCollective.org](http://ArroyoArtsCollective.org) or by voice mail at 323-850-8566. This event is free and open to the public.

**Who:** The Arroyo Arts Collective

**What:** *For the Birds*, a site-specific art installation project honoring the urban birds of Los Angeles

**Where:** Audubon Center at Debs Park, 4700 North Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90031

**Hours:** Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Opening Reception April 9, 2011, 2 to 5 p.m. Closing Reception and Auction, with music by Artichoke, May 7, 2011, 2 to 5 p.m.

**How much:** This event is free and open to the public.

**Information:** Go to [www.ArroyoArtsCollective.org](http://www.ArroyoArtsCollective.org) or call (323) 850-8566.

Editors Please Note:

The Arroyo Arts Collective was established in 1989, as a community organization of artists, writers and performers who live and work in Northeast Los Angeles. The mission of the Arroyo Arts Collective is to develop and present creative events that educate while fostering an awareness of the creative vitality of Northeast Los Angeles.

HYPERLINK <http://ArroyoArtsCollective.org/>

The mission of the Audubon Center at Debs Park is to inspire people to experience, understand and care for the local natural world. Located in a wildlife corridor for migratory birds, Debs Park is a haven for nearly 140 species of birds. Its nature-based education and community programs are designed to engage children and their families in the outdoor world, and to give them a personal stake in its protection by making environmental issues relevant to their lives. The Center, which is surrounded by predominately Latino neighborhoods, is a unique gathering place and dynamic focal point for outdoor recreation, environmental education and conservation.

HYPERLINK <http://audubondebspark.org/>

Photos available on request.