Museum Stories
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Barbara Leto. *Free Sparrows*, 1997. Gouache over acrylic on paper

This week Museum Stories is all about birds! Take a few minutes to watch the short video.

LOOK

How many birds do you see in this image? I can see three birds on a ledge at the top, and one bird in the center. Let's look closely. Is the bird in the center a real bird? Can you see that it is made out of paper? There are 3 birds that look real and one bird that is origami, or made out of folded paper.

The artist Barbara Leto, loved nature and it inspired her to make this image with birds. Which bird do you like? What sounds does that bird make? Squawk? Chirp? Tweet?

READ

Some birds have big personalities. Mo Willems *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* is about a pigeon who really, really wants to drive a bus. Take a few minutes to read this story, or any other story about birds that you have at home.

MAKE

Follow along with the video to make your own pigeon or origami bird finger puppet!

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VBMA educators created this lesson plan.