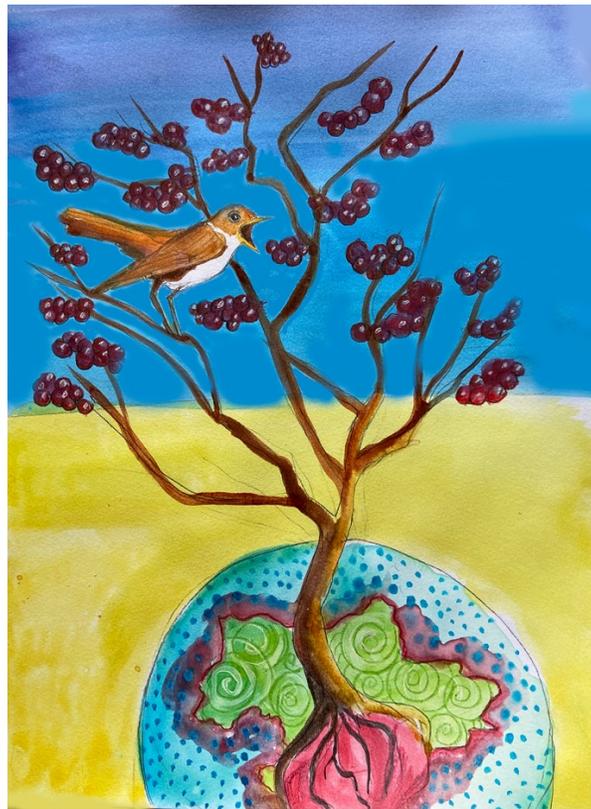


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The Ukrainian Singing Tree Of Strength and Freedom

You are invited to contribute to the 105th [Singing Tree](#) mural to bring love and peace to those who are suffering in Ukraine. We will use this project to raise funds for the International Rescue Committee's work with Ukrainian refugees. The study for the mural uses the Ukrainian flag for its background, the national tree which is a Viburnum, the roots are holding the heart of the world, the national bird – the Nightingale - singing and calling out, and the map of Ukraine on the earth surrounded by blood and prayer dots.

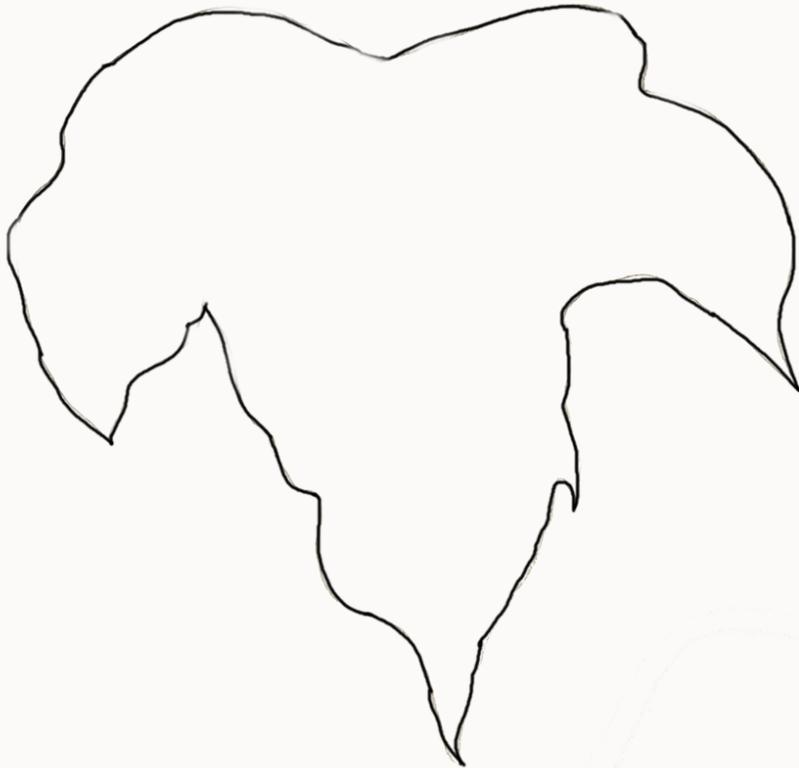


The Invitation:

1. Print out the leaves and birds templates.
2. Make an image on the Viburnum leaf with color, shape, and messages that come from your heart. The leaves symbolize service and abundance. You can use colored pencils, ink, marker, glitter, natural objects, found objects, paint and words. Your fierceness, your imagination, your power is welcome here. Fill up all the white space. Feel free to make more than one.
3. Make an image on a bird that sends a prayer to the people of the Ukraine, no matter where they are.
4. Write the symbolism of your images on the page.
5. **Take a picture of or scan your leaves email them to** laurie@unitythroughcreativity.org
We'll print them out and assemble all the leaves and birds. Or you can cut them out and mail them to the address below.

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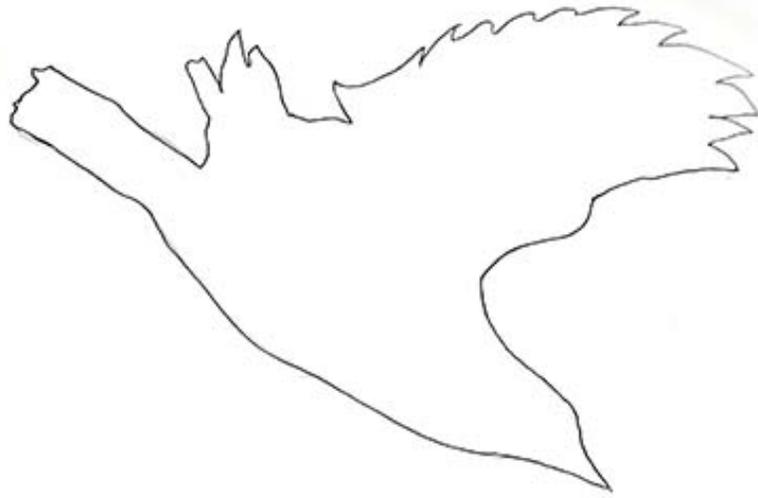


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The Story Behind the Singing Tree Project: 8 year-old Meredith Miller of Leesburg, Virginia asked a visionary question in 1999: “What if the whole world made a painting together?”

Artist Laurie Marshall took up with call, using the model of trees and forests. The title of the project comes from a story in Kate Seredy’s novel of the same name, told to her by her father:

One night during World War I, soldiers crawled all night long on their bellies to escape the enemy. Everything had been destroyed by war. The battalion was surrounded by death and destruction. When the dawn came, they saw one tree that had managed to survive. Birds from hundreds of miles away, who aren’t normally together, were in the tree, singing a song that had never been heard before.

The earth is the Singing Tree of the Solar System. All the things that divide people are not as important as the fact that there is no other life that we know of for billions of miles around. WE ARE ALONE TOGETHER IN SPACE! We can choose to destroy each other and our planet or choose to create something beautiful together, like the new song in the Singing Tree.

There are 101 murals in the Forest of Singing Trees made with 21,000 people from 52 countries. We are now training facilitators.