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Charley Harper Art Show at Cincinnati Nature Center December 7-31, 2011

Presented by Cincinnati Nature Center

"The world will never have another Charley Harper. Through his art, we'll always have a glimpse of the world through the eyes of this awesome man."

-Ann Geise, friend and MasterWork for Nature Artist

Catch your glimpse of Charley Harper's distinctive wildlife art at Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Visitor Center auditorium. The show begins Wednesday, December 7 and runs through Saturday, December 31, each day from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The opening reception is free to the public, and the remaining days of the show are free for Cincinnati Nature Center members. Nonmembers pay a daily admission fee of \$8 for adults and \$3 for children. Children 3 and under are free.

In 2006, December 8 was declared "Charley Harper Day" by the mayor of Cincinnati. Help the CNC celebrate the life and work of this iconic artist and naturalist whose universal appeal is evident in the national recognition he received. His work has inspired many including designer Todd Oldham, who pays homage to Harper in his book, which some describe as the ultimate Harper authority, *Charley Harper – An Illustrated Life*.

A graduate of the Art Academy of Cincinnati, Charley easily summarized and described his own influential work by saying "I don't count the feathers in the wings, I just count the number of wings." Harper has donated his art for use by numerous area organizations including Cincinnati Nature Center, Cincinnati Zoo, and Hamilton County (Ohio) Park District. He has illustrated *The Golden Book of Biology*, *The Animal Kingdom*, *Birds & Words*, and *Beguiled by the Wild: The Art of Charley Harper*. His ceramic tile murals can be found in the Federal Building in downtown Cincinnati and the Biological Sciences Building at Miami University, Oxford (Ohio).

Framed and unframed silkscreens, prints and posters will be available for purchase during the show in Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Visitor Center auditorium. The Nature Shop at Cincinnati Nature Center is featuring "must-have" Charley Harper merchandise including Todd Oldham's new, smaller version of *Charley Harper: An Illustrated Life* in hardback.

You'll also find Harper puzzles, flash cards, coloring book, wrapping paper, holiday cards, calendars, and a wide assortment of prints.

Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods is located at 4949 Tealtown Rd., Milford, OH 45150. For more information please visit www.CincyNature.org or call 513/831-1711.

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