

Galvan's art Taking Flight at Staten Island Museum annual spring gala
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It was only a matter of time until Gustavo Galvan's art really took flight. And it will do just that this weekend at the Staten Island Museum's annual spring gala.

On Saturday, the centerpieces for the event, this year themed "Taking Flight," will be in the shape of 43 birds divided into eight types: Tree Swallow, Eastern Bluebird, Hooded Warbler, Cedar Waxwing, Red Cardinal, Pileated Woodpecker, Purple Martin, and the Rufous Hummingbird. All of the intricate paper birds adorned with colorful paper feathers were created by artist and designer [Gustavo Galvan, AU Class of 2010](#). These colorful creatures will be hanging on curly willow branches at tables in a menagerie-style installation for the evening's festivities in the Above Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1100 South Ave., Bloomfield.

While a student, Gustavo was very involved in the Art Force Five, a Drawn to Diversity program team of student super-heroes which promotes equality through art. Dan Napolitano '93, AU director of student activities and program founder, says: "As a student, Gustavo was a leader of many Drawn to Diversity outreach efforts. He has always shown an affinity for considering the community through his art."

Find information about the gala and read more about Gustavo's art and his bird project in "Staten Island's own Birdman: Life after Victoria's Secret wings," a piece in silive.com by visiting:

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