Bird Brained

A silly person is sometimes described as being a birdbrain. Some birds are silly.

Some birds can count.

Some birds make tools.

Some birds can solve simple problems. These intelligent and talented birds – including crows and ravens – are part of the corvidae family.

Which birds are in the corvidae family? Use each of the floating letters once to fill in the blanks and complete these bird names.
Birds sing, dance, and act. Artist Don Rambadt’s birds perform in the ballet, theater, and with childlike joy in his artwork puzzle, *Birdsong Maquette*.

Each section of this triangular sculpture is a puzzle. The red birds and the one blue bird compose a puzzle. The five yellow birds and one blue bird are a second puzzle, and the four blue birds are a third.

The birds are sitting on treble clef staffs. Use the key to identify the musical note that each bird’s perch represents to find clues to the melodic puzzle.

Either the song title or lyrics cleverly contain the names of different birds.

More hints:

- Famous Russian ballet
- Pulitzer-Prize winning novel adapted into an Oscar-winning film
- Young child’s rhyme

A piano or a virtual keyboard on a smartphone can help you identify each tune.

Answers are available at the Greeter Desk and at Visitor Services.

Learn a bit more.

A maquette is a small model often made prior to completing a larger sculpture. Don Rambadt’s *Birdsong Maquette* was created for a public art competition for a performing arts center.

For bird watchers, there’s even more in this sculpture: seven Northern cardinals; six Eastern bluebirds; and five marsh wrens.