

## The Print Center Centennial Celebration, by Kelsey Lejedal



*Photo of the Gabriel Martinez Show*

This fall is the perfect time to learn more about the Print Center of Philadelphia. Celebrating its centennial, the Print Center is both the subject and host of exhibits that showcase a century of print and photography from innovative artists. Check out where to see the exhibits as well as some history of the Print Center and share your experiences there with us on Instagram [@Phillyfunguide](#).

### [The Print Center 100: Highlights in History](#)

The Print Center

September 18th, 2015 - December 19th, 2015

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The core of their centennial celebration is the exhibit [The Print Center 100: Highlights in History](#), which can be found in the non-profit's gallery in Rittenhouse Square. Until December 19th you can view this exhibit, which is the core of the Centennial Celebration. The exhibition highlights art, ephemera, and

objects drawing out the history, mission, and evolution of the Print Center from a club for artists and collectors to an internationally recognized voice in printmaking and photography.

Other organizations throughout Philadelphia are helping the Print Center celebrate. There's the [Centennial Gala and Street Party](#) with cocktails and guest artists at the Curtis Institute on November 14th.

Until the end of the year the Print and Picture Collection Hallway Gallery at the Parkway Center Library is highlighting the library's association with the Print Center through an [exhibition of their lithographs, photographs, and art books](#). The Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy and Art in City Hall celebrates with a juried exhibition of Philadelphia-area printmakers, [A Print in Time](#). And throughout December the [Historical Society of Pennsylvania will display the Print Center's historical records](#) as well as prints from pioneering female artists Violet Oakley.

### [The Artists of The Print Center](#)

Free Library of Philadelphia - Print...

November 9th, 2015 - December 31st, 2015

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### [Art in City Hall & The Print Center 100 Exhibitions - "More Than One" & "A Print in Time"](#)

The City of Philadelphia Office of...

October 19th, 2015 - December 11th, 2015

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### [100 Years of Print: The Centennial Celebration of Philadelphia's The Print Center](#)

Historical Society of Pennsylvania

December 1st, 2015 - January 8th, 2016

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The History of the Print Center:

The history of the Print Center is as interesting as the images it has on display. Founded in 1915 as the Print Club, it was one of the first venues in this country dedicated to the appreciation of American and foreign-made prints, a marginalized media at the time. The center prefaced the acceptance of printmaking and photography as fine art, when well into the twentieth century painting and sculpture were considered more important forms of fine art, but it served as a vital resource when it donated its

collection of prints to the Philadelphia Museum of Art forming the core of their fledgling print department.

In 1996, the Print Club changed its name to the Print Center to mark its commitment to serve both its members and the community. Past exhibitions have featured such famous artists as Albrecht Durer, Mary Cassatt, Pablo Picasso, Ansel Adams, Louise Bourgeois, Art Spiegelman, Kara Walker, and others.

In addition to exhibitions, the Print Center has hosted monthly workshops with printmaking pioneer Stanley William Hayter, post-Friday afternoon orchestra matinee teas, a drive to donate copper plates during World War II led by their director, Bertha von Moschzisker, and, until the 1970's, a variety of presses and a lithography studio.

Today the Print Center programs include solo and group exhibitions; the Annual International Competition now in its 90th year, one of the most prestigious and oldest juried exhibitions in the U.S.; the Print Center Series, compelling programs surrounding the printed image in contemporary art; the Artists-in-Schools Program, a nationally recognized program bringing art education and awareness to underserved youth in Philadelphia public high schools since 2002; the Print Center publications; and the Gallery Store, offering the largest selection of contemporary prints and photographs available for sale in Philadelphia.

Current Exhibits at the Print Center:

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While you are at the Print Center for their centennial celebration you can also check out their current exhibits, [Gabriel Martinez: Bayside Revisited](#) and [Recollection](#). *Bayside Revisited* is a multi-media exhibition of the history of Fire Island and its status as an icon of queer culture. *Recollection* is a display of works by artists who use printmaking and photography to explore and document history in deeply personal ways.