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**A SUCCESSFUL CENTENNIAL YEAR FOR THE PRINT CENTER**

*Organization Works with More than Fifty Partners to Highlight the Printed Image*

PHILADELPHIA, PA—(December 18, 2015)—The Print Center 100, a citywide celebration marking the organization's 100th year dedicated to the growth and understanding of photography and printmaking as vital contemporary arts, officially concludes on Saturday, December 19, with the closing of the Centennial exhibitions: *Gabriel Martinez: Bayside Revisited, Recollection* and *The Print Center 100: Highlights in History*.

In marking its Centennial year, The Print Center partnered with over 50 local, national and international organizations to mount 19 exhibitions; present 43 public programs including artist talks, lectures by celebrated art historians and hands-on printmaking workshops; commission the creation of several dozen new artworks; and exhibit the work of over 250 artists. In addition to the shows at The Print Center's home on Latimer Street, exhibitions of printmaking and photography took place at partnering institutions including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Free Library of Philadelphia, Art Galleries at City Hall, The University of the Arts and more than 10 Philadelphia area galleries.

The Print Center opened the year with the receipt of a two-year, \$100,000 grant from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. In addition, they received major awards from the Edna W. Andrade Memorial Fund, National Endowment for the Arts, Philadelphia Cultural Fund, and William Penn Foundation—over \$285,000 in private foundation support and over \$45,000 in government support. A \$30,000 award from [The Nessa Forman, David Forman, Eleanor and Solomon Forman Family Fund of The Philadelphia Foundation](#) will allow the Artists-in-Schools Program, which brings valuable arts education to underserved Philadelphia high school students, to expand in 2016. For the first time in its history, The Print Center engaged corporate sponsorships, totaling nearly \$50,000, to support the Centennial exhibitions, publications and programming.

As the celebration concludes, the organization is preparing for the production of the Centennial Portfolio in partnership with the Curtis Institute of Music (in honor of its 90th Anniversary) and the Philadelphia Art Alliance (in honor of its Centennial), supported by Creative Philadelphia. The portfolio will feature newly commissioned works from Philadelphia artists Phillip Adams, Henry Bermudez, Colette Fu, Sarah McEaney and Ron Tarver, along with works by Dennis McNett and Henry Horenstein. It will also feature a music CD of recent highlights from the Curtis Institute of Music and a text work by Philadelphia's Poet Laureate Frank Sherlock.

The Print Center is pleased to announce two spring 2016 exhibitions. One, *By the Book: New Photography Publications*, includes works by Keliy Anderson-Staley, Jesse Burke, Stephanie Bursese, David Hartt, Justine Kurland, Andrea Modica, Nadia Sablin and Will Steacy. The other, *Lower East Side Printshop: Experiments in Print*, features works by Mike Bidlo, Paul Chan, Peggy Diggs and Hank Willis Thomas. Also this spring, The Print Center and Philadelphia Photo Arts Center will co-present the second iteration of The Philadelphia Art Book fair, including photography and art book publishers, small and large; individual artists and institutions; and lectures from key artists and bookmakers. The organization looks ahead to a fall 2016 solo exhibition by printmaker Victoria Burge. Spring exhibition and programming dates will be announced in January 2016.

The Print Center, a non-profit gallery located in Philadelphia's historic Rittenhouse Square neighborhood, encourages the growth and understanding of photography and printmaking as vital contemporary arts through exhibitions, publications and educational programs.

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