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LGBTQ+ America 250 events across Philadelphia

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Celebrating America is a complex, often contested concept in this day and age, which makes navigating America 250 — the ongoing celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary since its founding in 1776 — all the more meaningful. For marginalized groups, the idea of marking this milestone, given everything currently unfolding across the country, comes with real weight, but also an opportunity for reflection and visibility.

For LGBTQ+ people, particularly in light of ongoing attacks on LGBTQ+ rights, especially trans rights, America 250 can feel complicated to engage with. At the same time, Philadelphia organizations, groups, museums and other institutions are using the occasion to present a range of events that center and celebrate LGBTQ+ Americans and their histories over the last two and a half centuries, offering space for both recognition and celebration.

Below is our roundup of some of these local LGBTQ+-oriented America 250 events, offerings and celebrations across the city.

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America Today: Voices in Contemporary Print

Through July 25

The Print Center, 1614 Latimer St.

printcenter.org

“America Today: Voices in Contemporary Print” is a new exhibition that highlights contemporary art from six print shops across the United States, all offering a commentary on the current state of America. Among the workshops involved are Brandywine Workshop, located in Philadelphia, and the Women’s Studio Workshop. The latter in particular celebrates LGBTQ+ art and artists and “encourages the voice and vision of women, trans, intersex, nonbinary and genderfluid artists.”

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