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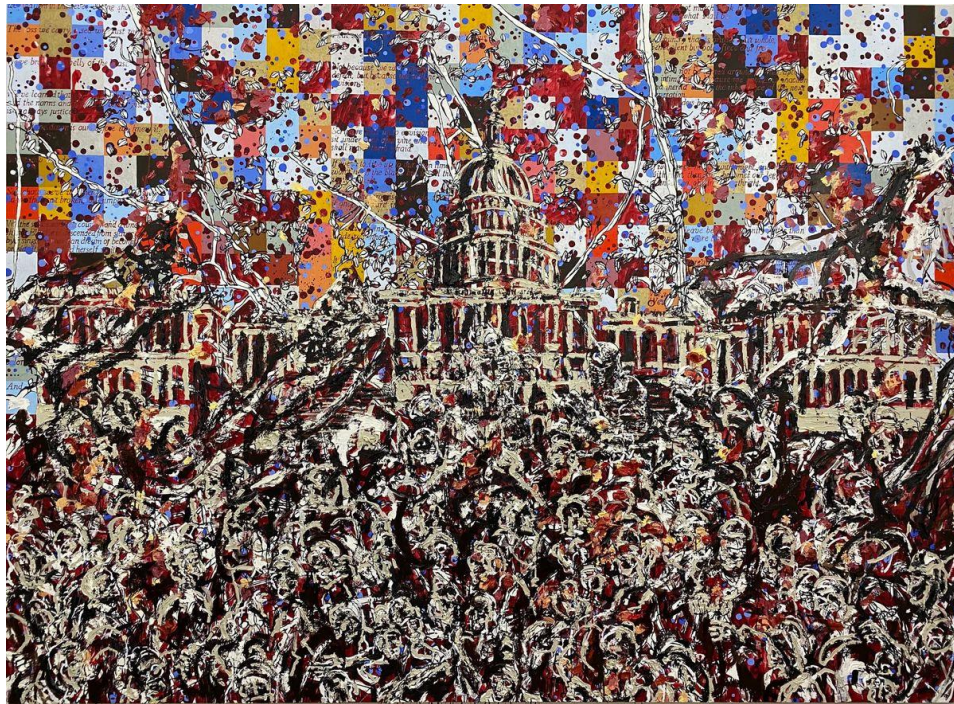
25 Art Shows Reckoning With the US at 250

From Indigenous survivance to quilting to modernism, these exhibitions and projects reframe and challenge the story of the United States.



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John William Bailly, "6th of January, 2021" (2021) (© John William Bailly, courtesy PAMM)

The word “celebration” doesn’t feel especially appropriate when it comes to acknowledging the 250th anniversary of the United States in these trying times, but we can recognize that this milestone certainly presents both a welcome and critical opportunity for reflection.

As this occasion brings a wealth of complex emotions, intersecting perspectives, trailblazing innovation, and grotesque histories to the forefront, the arts landscape would rightfully remind us that it’s worth commemorating our abilities to both document and channel these complexities. With that, art also provides us with the tools to not only imagine but also build our future.

Hyperallergic presents 25 art-related events across the nation that acknowledge the steps we've taken, the place we stand in today, and the undefined path ahead of us.

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America Today: Voices in Contemporary Print

The Print Center, Philadelphia, PA

Through July 25



Alvaro D. Marquez, "Your Presence Counts (Tu Presencia Cuenta)" (2020), edition of 60 (image courtesy the artist, Self Help Graphics | LA, and The Print Center)

This group exhibition reflects on printmaking's role in archiving and shaping the history of the United States, and undresses contemporary American democracy to examine the integrity and resistance of its fabric by holding it over a flame. Curated across several themes informing today's political climate, works by Natalie Ball, Howardena Pindell, Lehuauakea, Chakaia Booker, and several others representing six mission-driven print shops nationwide confront the history and futurity of the country as we stand at a crossroads.

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