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Print Center announces 'Taste of Exile'

The Print Center at 1614 Latimer St. will present Taste of Exile and MenuFesto, a free two-day pop-up project exploring immigration, exile and labor in the food service industry, on Jan. 10 and 11.

Created and directed by interdisciplinary artist Illya Mousavijad, Taste of Exile is an immersive, 15-minute virtual reality experience that combines food, memory and technology. The project features James Beard Award-winning chef Cristina Martinez of South Philly Barbacoa, working with scholar Paloma Martinez-Cruz and graphic researcher Jeremy Patterson. During the experience, participants eat a taco

prepared by Martinez's team while engaging with a 360-degree VR environment that reflects on displacement, cultural memory and culinary labor.

Presented alongside it, MenuFesto is an archival project organized by Martinez-Cruz with Mousavijad. It features interviews with immigrant food truck and restaurant workers from Philadelphia and Columbus, Ohio, paired with audio recordings and 3D scans of kitchens and food trucks to highlight the creative and emotional dimensions of their work.

Sessions will be offered from noon to 7 p.m. each day and are limited to 10 participants per session. Advance registration at **printcenter.org** is required. Participants may choose between traditional lamb barbacoa or a vegan taco option.

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