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# THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK FOR AMERICA'S 250TH

Your curated list of the best semiquincentennial events, exhibits, and activities happening in and around Philly

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This year, the United States of America celebrates the 250th anniversary of its founding. **The American Revolutionary War** was fought between April 1775 and September 1783, though the war for independence wasn't "formalized" until the next year, when the Second Continental Congress, right here in Philadelphia, passed the Lee Resolution for Independence on July 2, and adopted the Declaration of Independence at what is now known as **Independence Hall** on July 4, 1776. Philadelphia's unique place of honor in American history centers the celebration of this milestone in our streets, squares, and parks.

This year's Independence Day celebrations promise to be the party of a lifetime. Or at least, one not seen in at least 50 years. Throughout 2026, institutions and organizations around the

Greater Philadelphia area are marking the semiquincentennial with art installations, theater, exhibits, performances, storytelling, and much more. Each week, The Philadelphia Citizen is highlighting events that exemplify what we stand for: good citizenship, civic engagement, and the celebration of everything that makes Philly the greatest city in America.

For literally everything happening around our semiquincentennial, check out Visit Philly's comprehensive list: [A Once-In-A-Lifetime-Year: Philly's Signature 2026 Events](#).

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*Ayanah Moor and Veronica Hanssens looking at prints*

**VIEW MISSION-BASED PRINTSHOP ARTWORK.** [America Today: Voices in Contemporary Print](#) brings together more than 30 artists from six mission-based printshops to explore civil rights, social justice, racial equality, and political engagement through contemporary art at [The Print Center](#). The exhibition is open through July 25. Gallery hours are 11am to 6pm Tuesday through Saturday. Free. 1614 Latimer Street

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