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We the People: 20 Ways Philly Is Highlighting Underrepresented Voices for America's 250th

Exhibitions and events offering a fuller, more complex look at the U.S. for its 250th anniversary ...

Juneteenth Block Party — Photo by S. Ramones for Visit Philadelphia

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Philadelphia — the genesis of democracy as we know it and the bedrock of the ambitious ideals written into our foundational documents — earned its “birthplace of the nation” title.

But that doesn’t mean America — or Philadelphia, for that matter — is perfect.

As the city rolls out star-spangled celebrations commemorating the nation’s milestone 250th anniversary, cultural institutions, galleries, universities and residents are also reflecting on America’s complicated past, present and future.

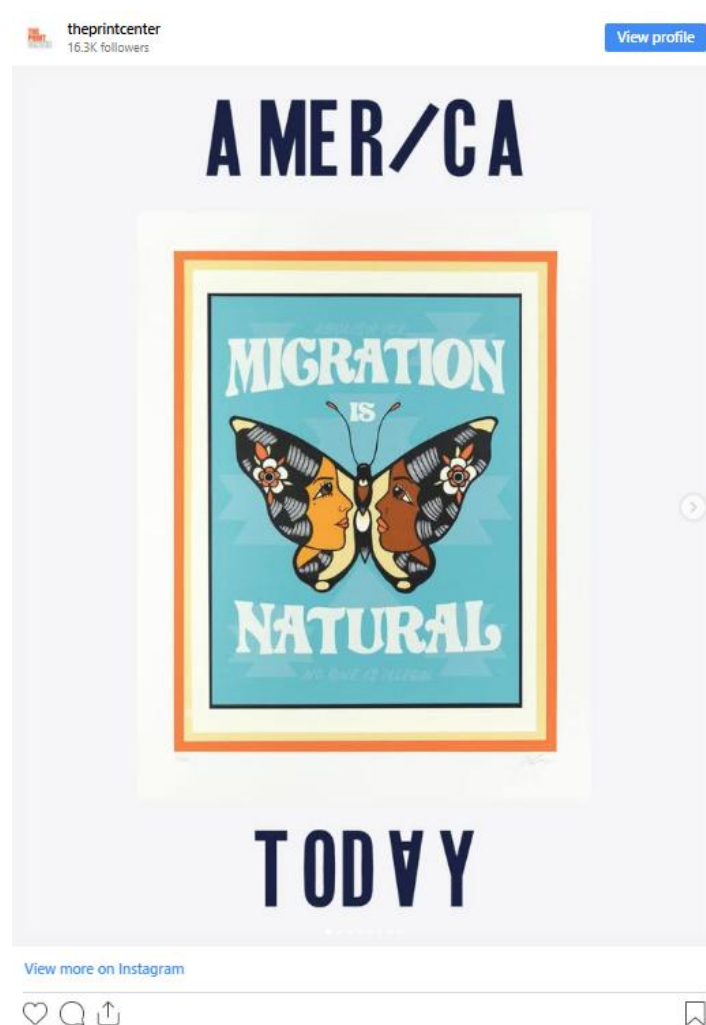
New collaborations, like the **Native North America gallery** at the Penn Museum, and bigger-than-ever annual events, like the **Juneteenth Parade and Festival** in West Philly, amplify stories that have historically been undertold from the nation’s story, including those of Indigenous peoples, enslaved Americans, immigrant communities and religious minorities.

And installations across the city — like *Radical Americana* — pass the mic to activists and artists who push America forward, challenging this big, multicultural nation to realize the very values the Founding Fathers debated, drafted and enshrined right here in Philadelphia.

Read on for a guide to special Semiquincentennial events, exhibitions and experiences in Greater Philadelphia that challenge, enhance and expand America's story.

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America Today: Voices in Contemporary Print at The Print Center



Through Saturday, July 25, 2026

The Print Center, located in Philly's Rittenhouse Square neighborhood, presents an exhibition showcasing the works of 37 artists who reflect on the current state of democracy during this monumental anniversary year. *America Today: Voices in Contemporary Print* features 42 print works, including the designs of five artists from Philly's Brandywine Workshop and Archives.

In addition to opportunities to view the works, the nonprofit gallery offers many public programs, including conversations with the artists, public tours, extended hours in June and an interactive printing event on Saturday, July 11, 2026. Admission to the gallery is free.

Where: The Print Center, 1614 Latimer Street, Philadelphia, PA

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