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**REVOLUTIONARY ART EXHIBIT DEBUTS IN PHILADELPHIA'S HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
*Conrad Benner-Curated Exhibit Features 13 Works In Old City, Society Hill & Along Delaware River*

**PHILADELPHIA, May 23, 2017** – VISIT PHILADELPHIA® today announced the launch of **Revolutionary: A Pop-Up Street Art Exhibition**, featuring 13 works of art that interpret the spirit of revolution at 13 locations in Philadelphia's Historic District—an area of the city that runs from the Delaware River to 7<sup>th</sup> Street and from Vine to Lombard Streets. On view from May 25 through July 4, 2017, the exhibit, curated by [streetsdept.com](http://streetsdept.com) founder and editor Conrad Benner, gives locals and visitors 13 more reasons to explore the city's most iconic neighborhoods this summer. Full details are available at [visitphilly.com/revolutionaryart](http://visitphilly.com/revolutionaryart).

"Philadelphia has always known a thing or two about revolutions," said Meryl Levitz, president & CEO, VISIT PHILADELPHIA. "That's why an exhibition centered around revolution in the headquarters of the American Revolution makes perfect sense for the Historic District this summer. It's a great opportunity for local artists to push the boundaries and make positive statements about change, and it gives locals and visitors a fun, free and interesting reason to explore the neighborhood."

**Artists, Artworks & Locations:**

The selected street artists—one for each of the stars featured on the original American flag—will feature new and existing works that challenge the social and political status quo during the exhibit's run. Works will appear both indoors and outdoors in all corners of the District. Kid Hazo's poster, "Dear Street Art Lover," on display at Art In The Age, serves as the opening message for the exhibit and plays on VISIT PHILADELPHIA's **With Love, Philadelphia XOXO®** campaign, celebrating the city's street art riches.

"All revolutions have one thing in common, and that is people looking at the world around them with a critical eye, wondering if there's more they can do and attempting to create a world that's better for themselves and their neighbors" said Conrad Benner. "For this exhibit, I picked artists who were using their art to challenge the political and social status quo."

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Here is a list of participating artists, a description of their works and where they will appear:

1. **Artist:** Yasmine Mustafa & Monica O  
**Title & Description:** Birth Lottery  
A foam-board poster of a stork flying over houses that depicts the random starting point of a person's life  
**Location:** African American Museum in Philadelphia, 701 Arch Street
2. **Artist:** Nero  
**Title & Descriptions:** You Belong Here  
A stenciled banner with a welcoming message (You Belong Here) that promotes inclusivity and tolerance  
**Location:** Franklin Square, 200 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street
3. **Artist:** Emily Smith Satis  
**Title & Descriptions:** Out To Sea  
A painting that shows the artist caught in the undertow of the ocean after the 2016 presidential election  
**Location:** FringeArts, 140 N. Columbus Boulevard (inside)
4. **Artist:** Shawn Theodore  
**Title & Description:** A Reminder  
A large-scale banner featuring the portrait of a modern-day African-American woman in a period headwrap and illustrating the nation's history of oppression  
**Location:** Elfreth's Alley, 124-126 Elfreth's Alley (Bladen's Court)
5. **Artist:** Nick Cassway  
**Title & Description:** Tripartite  
A wallpapered window installation featuring sequential drawings that examine the balance of power in the three branches of government  
**Location:** Arden Theatre Company, 40 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (inside window)
6. **Artist:** Carlos Lopez Rosa  
**Title & Description:** Abriendo Camino  
A portrait of Nina Gualinga, a young indigenous leader from the Kichwa community of Sarayaku in the Ecuadorian Amazon, painted on a machete that explores the struggle for liberation and change  
**Location:** Betsy Ross House, 239 Arch Street (inside gift shop)
7. **Artist:** Lisa Kelley  
**Title & Description:** Epidemic  
Fabric weavings knotted and woven together, then threaded onto and suspended from sticks to show the struggles and hopes of addiction  
**Location:** Arch Street Meeting House, 320 Arch Street (inside)
8. **Artist:** Karina Puente  
**Title & Description:** Papel Picado: Oil Spill Consciousness  
A large-scale installation rooted in the traditional Mexican folk art called Papel Picado (cut paper), uplifting the stories of marginalized communities and shining a light on obstacles that impact the environment  
**Location:** La Colombe, 100 S. Independence Mall West, #110 (inside windows)
9. **Artist:** Zoë Cohen  
**Title & Description:** Shkoyach  
A projection of watercolor portraits that show off diverse women engaged in acts of bravery  
**Location:** National Museum of American Jewish History, 101 S. Independence Mall East (inside)

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10. **Artist:** Michelle Angela Ortiz  
**Title & Description:** Se Siento El Miedo  
A painted portrait of a Philadelphia man who had a trying experience with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and now lives in fear in what was once a city of hope for him  
**Location:** Old City District Office, 231 Market Street (inside window)
11. **Artist:** Ishknits  
**Title & Description:** I Will Answer Injustice with Justice  
A knit and crochet installation featuring quotes from Game of Thrones character Daenerys Targaryen and addressing injustice  
**Location:** Shambles at Headhouse Square, 200 Pine Street
12. **Artist:** A Brilliant Dummy  
**Title & Description:** Fearless  
A series of five photographs that expresses what it means to be fearfully and wonderfully made  
**Location:** Moshulu, 401 S. Christopher Columbus Boulevard (inside)
13. **Artist:** Joe Boruchow  
**Title & Description:** Transition 3  
A papercut wheat paste installation that depicts people ignoring the alarm bells ringing around them and being lulled back into the hypnotizing torrent of a daily routine  
**Location:** Spruce Street Harbor Park, 301 S. Christopher Columbus Boulevard

#### **Exhibit Programming:**

VISIT PHILADELPHIA will run an Instagram contest from May 25-29, 2017. Participants who take a photo of their favorite piece in the exhibit and post it to Instagram using all three hashtags (#visitphilly #historicphilly #revolutionaryart) will have a chance to win one of five signed copies of the poster *Birth Lottery*. Conrad Benner will review the photos with the most likes and select the winners.

In addition, an artist panel discussion will take place on Wednesday, June 7 at the National Constitution Center to explore the exhibit's revolutionary theme.

Philadelphia's Historic District campaign, from VISIT PHILADELPHIA®, showcases the city's incomparable place in early American history and the still vibrant neighborhoods of Old City, Society Hill and the Delaware River Waterfront. The campaign celebrates America's most historic square mile in the country's first World Heritage City, as designated by the Organization of World Heritage Cities. Funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development and H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest, the initiative runs through September 2018.

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, visitors can engage with costumed history makers, hear stories of the real people of independence and take part in colonial reenactments. And every day of the year, they can tour, shop, dine and drink in the area just like the founding fathers and mothers once did. For more information about all there is to see and do in Philadelphia's Historic District, go to [visitphilly.com](http://visitphilly.com) and [uwishunu.com](http://uwishunu.com).

*Note to Editors: For high-resolution photos of the Historic District, visit the photo gallery of [visitphilly.com/pressroom](http://visitphilly.com/pressroom)*

