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America250PA Celebrates Pennsylvania's Role in America's Story with New Capitol Display



America250PA's new, large-scale installation at the Pennsylvania State Capitol designed by Molly Egan | From Left: Representative Jared Solomon, PA Auditor General Timothy DeFoor, PA DCED Deputy Secretary of Tourism Anne Ryan, PA State Treasurer Stacy Garrity, Former Governor Mark Schweiker, America250PA Chairman Patrick Burns, America250PA Executive Director Cassandra Coleman, Senator Greg Rothman, and Representative Valerie Gaydos | Photo Credit: Dani Fresh

HARRISBURG, PA – Today, America250PA, in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Pennsylvania Department of General Services (DGS), proudly unveiled a new, large-scale installation at the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

Designed by Philadelphia-based illustrator Molly Egan, the 12x20-foot illuminated display celebrates Pennsylvania's deep historical roots, diverse culture, and continued influence in shaping the nation. The installation showcases iconic imagery that reflects the Commonwealth's identity and lasting impact on American history, serving as an engaging focal point for visitors to the Capitol.

"It's hard to believe we started this journey seven years ago. Now, here we are in Harrisburg, surrounded by friends from across the Commonwealth, unveiling this beautiful display," said **America250PA Chairman Patrick Burns**. "Seeing it come together gives me great confidence in what our team at America250PA—and our partners in all 67 counties—will accomplish between now and the end of 2026."

About America250PA

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) was established by the General Assembly and Governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present, and future. The Commission is made up of current and past Pennsylvania leaders, celebrating the rich history and diversity of the state.

America250PA hopes to engage all citizens of the Commonwealth, from each of its 67 counties, to participate in creating a statewide celebration and bringing the Commonwealth's history into the conversation. That shared history gives us the foundation to better understand the origins and diverse viewpoints on the challenges affecting both our Commonwealth and our nation. The Commission's ability to communicate its vision, engage various audiences, and encourage inclusive and cohesive participation is key to a successful America250PA. The visionary framework – especially our E.P.I.C. theme of Educate, Preserve, Innovate, and Celebrate, contains the essential messaging to bring the Semiquincentennial to life across the Commonwealth.

For more information, visit www.america250pa.org.

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