In mainstream spaces, art with identity may be treated as an oddity, a token. Imagine then, an artist who brings their full self to their work, knowing that their existence is not only tolerated but wholly accepted. The resulting process and final piece can be liberating. This type of freedom in art can invite interaction from the audience in ways that cannot be replicated elsewhere. An ideal outcome would allow the artist to showcase their work truthfully with an intended audience. Hopefully, new audiences would also gain an entry point into the art world that is now richer to them in culture and imagination. From the beginning of its inception, Mosaic America has understood this process.

In this issue, we invite you to join us: First, get to know Arturo Magaña and his passion as he advocates for all through dance with Academia Folclórico Colibrí. Next, we talk to three Mosaic Fellows: Venus Jones, Demone Carter, and PC Muñoz. They discuss with us how the past year has provided new directions into their artistic practice. We also have glimpses of their upcoming Mosaic projects, so stay tuned!

Finally, you can learn how to join our mission at our upcoming open house on June 26, and please check out the local small businesses under Mosaic Recommends.

Happy celebrating,

GLADY LEE
Editor
Dance
By Sydney Williams
Arturo Magaña has taken their passion and cultural pride through dance into the advocacy world with their Academia Folclórico Colibrí.

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Fellows Venus Jones, Demone Carter & PC Muñoz
By Glady Lee
For Black people across America, Juneteenth is synonymous with liberation or Freedom Day. We look at two works in progress that have ties to Black history, and what it means for other communities in search of freedom and healing.

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EVENT UPDATES

Past event: May 20th
FROM DIVERSITY TO BELONGING
In part two of Mosaic’s series “From Diversity to Belonging,” we engaged in a rich discussion about migration, citizenship, rising nationalism, and how a young generation in both the US and Germany are claiming belonging. We watched the documentary “From Here” directed by Christina Antonakos-Wallace, which shares a fifteen year journey with these issues in both Europe and the U.S.

“From Here” tells the stories of Tania, Sonny, Miman, and Akim - artists and activists based in Berlin and New York whose lives and futures hang in the balance of immigration and integration debates. As the US and Germany grapple with racism, nationalism, and a fight against diversity, our protagonists move from their 20s into their 30s and face major turning points in their lives: fighting for citizenship, starting families, and finding room for creative expression.

WATCH HERE

Upcoming Event: June 26th
OPEN HOUSE - CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
At our Open House on May 29th we welcomed some new members to the Mosaic family and talked about the work we do.
Did you miss this one? Not to worry! We’re still looking for volunteers and people who believe in our mission to spread the word. Even if you can’t contribute your time, lend us your voice and super skills!

Follow us on social media, tell your friends about us, and for more volunteer opportunities, look out for an upcoming open house on June 26 at 11 AM - 12 PM PT.

MOSAIC RECOMMENDS

Nox Cookie Bar
Day & NIGHT & LATE NIGHT treats!

KS Delights
Homemade ube everything made by the ube queens, Kim & Stef!

"Paris is Burning" Documentary
Check out the Paris is Burning trailer.

Roots Community Health Clinic - South Bay
Roots Community Health Center was founded to address the growing need for accessible, culturally appropriate, community-responsive, comprehensive health care.

Black and Brown
Find cute threads and more at Black and Brown - Vintage and Modern Shop.

My Milkshakes
Captain America meets Wonder Womman - make your own milkshakes!

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African American Community Service Agency
The African American Community Service Agency (AACSA), founded in 1978, is one of the only African American cultural centers in the Silicon Valley area.

LGBTQ+ Wellness
Santa Clara County.

LGBTQ+ Youth Space
A community drop-in center and mental health program for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally youth and young adults ages 13-25 who live in Santa Clara County. Open 3pm-9pm Monday through Friday.

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