



Philadelphia's
**MAGIC
GARDENS**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

[ENJOY THE END OF SUMMER AT TWILIGHT IN THE GARDENS!](#)

Sway to the sounds of John Gilbride and make polymer clay objects with Erica Hemler!

SOUTH STREET, PHILADELPHIA: Don't miss the [August Twilight in the Gardens](#) event at Philadelphia's Magic Gardens on Friday, August 23, from 7:00 – 10:00 PM! This month's event features a live musical performance by [John Gilbride](#) and a polymer clay activity with Teaching Artist Erica Hemler.

Performer [John Gilbride](#) made the move from Scranton, PA, to the City of Brotherly Love in 2010. After discovering the wealth of music, art and creativity Philadelphia had to offer, he never looked back. His songs are heartfelt and true. His music is a blend of Progressive Rock and Folk. From street corners, to open mics, bars, restaurants, live music venues, backyards, beaches and beyond along the East Coast, John has made it his mission to use the gift of music to help others smile, sing, dance and simply share the experience of joy that music brings.

This month's Teaching Artist Erica Hemler is deeply inspired by the ability of creative power to heal the human spirit. She is interested in investigating the mind- matter connection through sculpture and installation, specifically within these healing contexts.

For August's hands-on activity, Hemler explores the idea that humans are creatures of habit, and though these patterns of practice shape us, with attention we can manipulate them to help us live as our best selves. She will help visitors make hand-held objects from patterned polymer clay tiles, symbolizing the power we are able to hold over ourselves and our ability to manipulate our habit patterns.

Visitors also have the chance to learn more about PMG through fun, casual mini-tours of the space and can check out [Justin Tyner: Light as Memory: Recollections through Stained Glass](#) in our galleries.

[Twilight in the Gardens](#) is a BYOBBS event (Bring Your Own Booze, Blanket, and Snacks), and guests are encouraged to relax and picnic in the space.

All [Twilight](#) events take place at Philadelphia's Magic Gardens at 1020 South Street, Philadelphia. [Tickets are available online](#) or via phone (215-733-0390 ext. 119) starting August 9, and are \$20/ Adults, \$16/ Students & Seniors, and \$12/ PMG Members. Space is limited and we recommend purchasing ahead of time.

AUGUST SCHEDULE:

7:00 – 10:00 PM – Make polymer clay objects with Erica Hemler

7:30, 9:05, & 9:30 PM – Mini Tours of PMG's mosaicked basement

8:00 – 9:00 PM – Live Performance by [John Gilbride](#)

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ABOUT [TWILIGHT IN THE GARDENS](#)

Twilight in the Gardens allows guests to experience Philadelphia's Magic Gardens after hours with a live musical performance, guided art workshop, and casual mini-tours. Guests are encouraged to BYOBBS (Bring Your Own Booze, Blanket, and Snacks) to get comfortable and picnic in our mosaicked labyrinth. Taking place every fourth Friday from April-October, each event is unique and encompasses a variety of musical genres and art experiences.

ABOUT [PHILADELPHIA'S MAGIC GARDENS](#)

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens (PMG) is an immersive mixed media art environment that is completely covered with mosaics. The creator, Isaiah Zagar, used handmade tiles, bottles, bicycle wheels, mirror, and international folk art to chronicle his life and influences. The exploratory space is made up of two indoor galleries and a bi-level outdoor sculpture garden. As a nonprofit museum, PMG celebrates art in its many forms through community outreach, public programs, hands-on activities, exhibitions, and tours. We welcome everyone to explore the space and embrace the possibility of self-expression.

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