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[Experience Philadelphia's Magic Gardens After-Hours at Twilight in the Gardens!](#)

Get down to the sounds of the West Philadelphia Foot Tappers and create a collage with Chelsey Luster!

SOUTH STREET, PHILADELPHIA: On Friday, September 23, from 7:00 – 10:00 PM experience an enchanting evening at [Twilight in the Gardens at Philadelphia's Magic Gardens \(PMG\)](#)! Bring your own drinks and snacks and take in a live performance by the [West Philadelphia Foot Tappers](#) and participate in a hands on activity with artist [Chelsey Luster](#)!

We challenge you to keep yourself from dancing to the energetic sounds of the West Philadelphia Foot Tappers as they perform their signature jazzy music in our mosaicked courtyard! Guests can also tap into their creative side with a collage activity with Artist Chelsey Luster. Participants will cut and rip images and colors to create their own world in their artwork and are encouraged to bring copies of personal photos to add to the collage.

Visitors also have the chance to learn more about PMG through fun, casual self-guided tours of our mosaicked basement, and can view our newest exhibition [We're on the Move: Paintings by Ashanté Kindle & Khari Turner](#) in our galleries. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket, snacks, and drinks and picnic in our mosaicked labyrinth!

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 September 9, and are \$25/ Adults, \$20/ Students & Seniors, and \$16/ PMG Members. Space is limited and we recommend [purchasing ahead of time](#). Proof of vaccination is required to attend this event.

ABOUT THE MUSICIANS:

[West Philadelphia Foot Tappers](#) began in 2015 as a busking project to explore traditional jazz and the music of Django Reinhardt. Over the years the band's level of virtuosity and musical adventurous has continuously expanded. The Foot Tappers have taken their high energy take on Prohibition Era jazz to wide array of venues, including playing recently for 2,600 attendees at Atlantic City's Diner En Blanc.

Rather than focusing on a strict historical reenactment of the music of the Hot Club of France in the 1930s, the Foot Tappers put a premium on using the band's acoustic format as a springboard for pushing jazz improvisation, all while keeping it grounded to a driving swing rhythm and relatable song form. The Foot Tappers pull as much from the musical traditions of New Orleans as of Paris and think that jazz should first and foremost be fun and accessible. Jazz should make you want to well . . . tap your feet in the Foot Tappers' view. The Foot Tappers may take a few detours into contemporary jazz language and the diversity of world music on the musical journey but the final destination will always be joyous.

ABOUT THE TEACHING ARTIST:

[Chelsey Luster](#) is a Philadelphia-based curator and visual artist from Baltimore, Maryland. Her curated group exhibitions focus on exploring social and political concepts regarding race, gender, and sexuality. Chelsey's visual artwork focuses on intimacy, safety, and vulnerability through depictions of invented and physical domestic spaces. In *Finding Home*, Chelsey examines her models' safe and vulnerable spaces from memory and imagination. Chelsey pulls from imagery of their loved ones' studios, bedrooms, altars, memories, and where they find comfort mentally to create sacred environments for

them to exist in. In these works, Chelsey shares their perspective on the importance of protecting internal and external safe havens and sanctuaries.

Chelsey is currently the Exhibition Manager at Philadelphia's Magic Gardens, is showcasing work as a Vox Populi member, and is currently a fellow at the Center of Emerging Visual Arts and Mural Arts.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

7:00 – 10:00 PM – Make a Collage with Chelsey Luster

7:00 – 10:00 PM – Self-Guided Tours of PMG's mosaicked basement

8:00 – 9:00 PM – Live Performance by West Philadelphia Foot Tappers

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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 May-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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