

PMG Members Newsletter

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Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts (PIFA)

Thursday, April 7 - Sunday, May 1

During PIFA, PMG will highlight the early twentieth-century French artists and writers whose references appear within the dazzling walls. The artworks and words of these brilliant minds will come to life through three special programs:



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APRIL 7, 2011 - MAY 1, 2011
INSPIRED BY THE KIMMEL CENTER

Immersed in Art: Visionary and Vernacular Artists from France and Beyond

7:00PM on Thursday, April 14

\$12/Members (\$15 value)

Art historians Valerie Rousseau and Daniel Schank will deliver lectures focusing on Art Brut -- French outsider art -- highlighting its influence on French mid-century artists. Zagar himself will talk about the art of assemblage and its implications on his work.



Valérie Rousseau explores the roots of Art Brut while surveying France and Switzerland's key artists, particularly those documented and collected by Jean Dubuffet beginning in 1945. The presentation will extend to Singular Art, highlighting artists in two landmark exhibitions: 1978's *Les Singuliers de l'Art* at the Musée d'art moderne de la ville de Paris, which emphasized folk art environments, and 1979's *Outsiders* at London's Hayward Gallery. Decades later, these highly influential projects continue to shape this evolving art field.

Dan Schank shares the unusual story of Augustin Lesage, a French coal miner-turned-painter whose visionary and supernatural experiences were the catalyst for three decades of celebrated works. He will relate Lesage's work to the "pure psychic automatism" of André

Breton's surrealist movement and discuss its relevance to contemporary painting practices."

Poetic Passageways: Synesthesia of Sound, Sight, and Movement

7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 20 and Thursday, April 21

\$12/Members (\$15 value)

The mosaiced corridors of Philadelphia's Magic Gardens, Isaiah Zagar's non-traditional visionary art environment, will come to life through a series of exquisite, evocative vignettes. In *Poetic Passageways*, choreographer/dancer Olive Prince (Olive Prince Dance and [Drexel University](#)), composer/musician Christopher Farrell ([Rit Mo Collective](#) and Temple University), and other performers will marry movement, music, and language into a [site-specific performance](#).

Interpreting the poetry, philosophy, and art of Dadaists and Surrealists such as Apollinaire, Maillarme, Breton, and Duchamp, dancers and musicians will engage guests with playful and explorative pieces that relate these works to the massive art installation that serves as their stage. Isaiah Zagar drew inspiration from these historic figures for his own large, visionary works.



Audiences will wander through various performance stations, interacting within both the space itself and the wondrous movements and sounds.



Mosaic Mural Tours

Saturdays and Sundays throughout April

\$10/adult

This month, PMG will highlight Zagar's French artistic influences through weekend guided tours of the space. These tours will discuss specific French references and texts, as well as Zagar's techniques, narratives, and South Street history.

To attend any of these special PIFA programs, [visit the PIFA website](#) or make reservations by calling PMG at 215-733-0390.

New Tours, Spring Hours Return!

April through October

With the promise of warm showers and blooming flowers in the air, we eagerly welcome the arrival of better weather!

April's guided tours are presented in conjunction with PIFA, and highlight Zagar's French artistic influences. **Guided Tours take place at 12:00 NOON and 4:00PM on Saturdays, and at 4:00PM on Sundays.** Tickets are \$10/adults, \$6/children (6-12); price includes admission to PMG.



Our neighborhood Mosaic Mural Walking Tours will resume in May 2011.



Longer days and warmer temperatures are beckoning you outdoors. Enjoy a South Street stroll with friends or a "special someone" any day of the week! **From April to October, unwind in our glittering outdoor labyrinth until 6:00PM, Sunday through Thursday; we're still open until 8:00PM on Friday and Saturday** to help kick off your weekend.

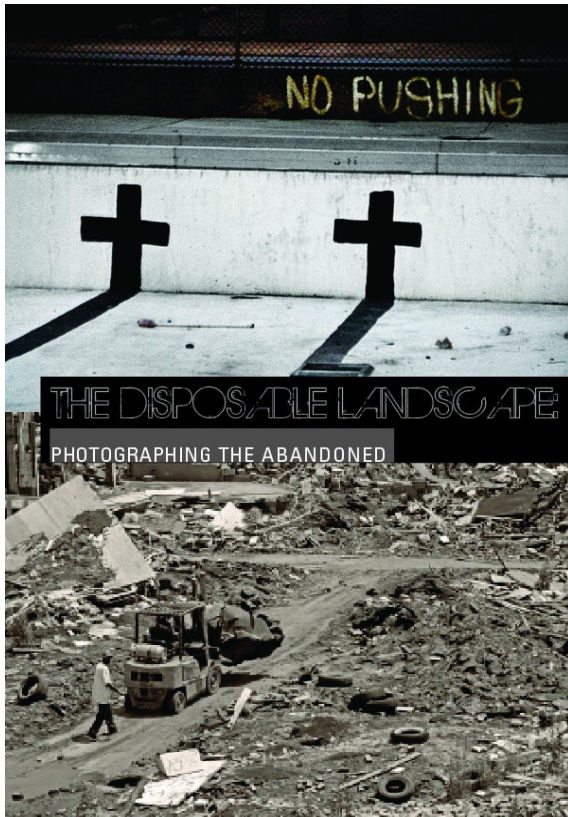
Afterward, grab a drink or a bite at one of our neighborhood restaurants. Some of our favorites include: [Creperie Beau Monde](#) (French); [Govinda's](#) (Vegan); [Kanella](#) (Greek); [La Fournu](#) (Italian); La Fuente (Stone-Fired Pizza); [Lovash](#) (Indian); [Percy Street BBQ](#); [S&H Kebab House](#) (Turkish/Middle Eastern); [Supper](#) ("Seasonal American Cooking"). *Bon appetit!*

The Disposable Landscape: Photographing the Abandoned

Friday, May 6 - Sunday, June 5

Public Reception at 6:30PM

Private Event FREE to Members at 5:30PM



Exploring neglected and time-worn structures, *The Disposable Landscape: Photographing the Abandoned* is a series of photographs by local artists **Noah Levey** and **Colleen Kucera**. **Levy** portrays sweeping urban "graveyards" of industry, long since abandoned by the humans who created them. **Kucera** captures life within these flawed settings as an invisible observer of the perseverance of man. Documenting the perverse sublime of these contemporary "ruins," the exhibition challenges viewers to acknowledge both the plight and beauty of our imperfect surroundings.

Starting at 6:30PM, the public may view the works of these Philadelphia residents for free during our First Friday opening reception.

PMG Members are invited to come early for a private, pre-reception event. PMG and WHYY are celebrating the first anniversary of WHYY's [Friday Arts](#) television series. **From**

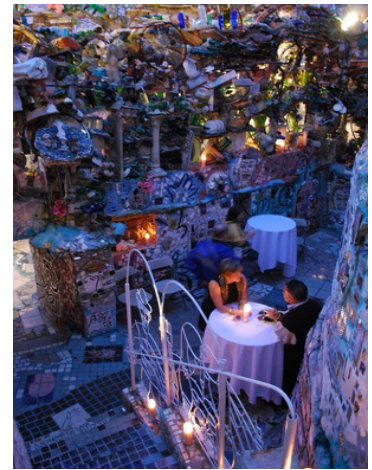
5:30PM - 6:30PM PMG Members will receive FREE admission (\$15 value). Nibble a slice of birthday cake and mingle with the talented people featured on the show. Guests will also enjoy a special screening of May's episode of *Friday Arts* before it airs on WHYY.

SAVE THE DATE - PMG 2011 Fundraiser!

Saturday, September 17

Last October's *Magic Beyond the Gardens* celebration granted exclusive access to a full weekend of unprecedented experiences at PMG. Our behind-the-scenes trolley tours, amazing artworks and entertainment, and sumptuous food and drink have left our fans hungry for more!

Mark your calendars -- **this year's gala fundraising event will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2011**. Expect an enchanting evening in our 3,000 square foot mosaiced wonderland. Details about performances and tickets, including a **special Members-Only package**, are forthcoming.



ArtGAGE: Celebrating Philly Creativity

Saturday, July 23



If there's one thing that Philadelphia's diverse neighborhoods have no shortage of, it's creativity! A powerful common denominator, our thriving artistic gifts unite our citizens in joyful celebration. Over the past three years, PMG has showcased a wide array of local talent at 1020 South Street in our annual Summer Solstice festivals.

We are pleased to announce that the annual Solstice celebration will now be known as **ArtGAGE: Celebrating Philly Creativity**, and will take place on Saturday, July 23 (rain date Saturday, July 30).

A sampling of the city's richest art offerings will be highlighted on this day, including visual arts, live performances, and vendors. Looking to join the fun as a performer or vendor? PMG's Call for Artists and Call for Vendors will be announced this month.

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