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South Street, Philadelphia

**Philadelphia's Magic Gardens & South Street Headhouse District present
Arts on South "Fourth Friday" Receptions**

Receptions on Friday, November 25, 2011 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM

***Some receptions may run after 8:00 PM**



About Arts on South

Arts on South will celebrate "Fourth Friday" in November with an exciting array of art events!

Arts on South is the innovative program that loans unrented retail stores to local artists to showcase their artworks. Featuring artist collectives that work in a variety of genres including photography, fibers, performance, sculpture, painting, installation, illustration, and new media, these gallery sites brighten the South Street area with endless creative energy. All galleries offer professional exhibitions and public receptions on the Fourth Friday of each month. Managed by Philadelphia's Magic Gardens in collaboration with the South Street Headhouse District, these current Arts on South participants occupy four retail spaces from September 15, 2011 - December 15, 2011. For more information, follow us on Facebook and stay tuned for this month's Fourth Friday event announcements.

The participating Arts on South groups include:

**Neighborhood Bike Works - South Philly "The Bikery" www.neighborhoodbikeworks.org
508 S. 5th Street**



The Mission of Neighborhood Bike Works is to promote development of urban youth in underserved neighborhoods in greater Philadelphia by offering educational, recreational, and career-building opportunities through bicycling. NBW created the Bikery to promote this mission by providing a space to the South Philly community to learn about bikes while providing space for an artist in residence to create and display their artwork.

The Bikery's November Fourth Friday will feature: The Bikery is excited to present a *Black Metal for Black Friday* event. There will be live music and a suggested donation to support Neighborhood Bike Works' bike education programming as well as artwork from the Bikery's new Artist in Residence.

Dumpster Divers, www.dumpsterdivers.org

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“Trash is simply a failure of imagination and that’s my reason for being involved in this world.” -*Dumpster Diver member Neil Benson*

The Dumpster Divers are a collective of over twenty Philadelphian artists that create works using discarded objects. The members of the collective glean their materials from old factories, thrift stores, and of course, the trash. Artworks displayed in the space will all be reconstituted from a variety of multi-media works.

For this year’s Arts on South program, the collective will explore their unique found- object projects through related discourse and pieces constructed by collective members.



Dumpster Divers’ November Fourth Friday will feature: The Dumpster Divers will be sending out the Roving Poets as well as having live music performed in the space. There will also be refreshments.

Mighty Vision, <http://www.mightywriters.org/writing-workshops/mightyvision/>

641 South Street



At MIGHTYVISION, they engage comic book writers, cartoonists, artists and art students to help them mentor and teach Mighty kids to write, design and illustrate their own characters and stories. They also host talks by comic and graphic novel writers and illustrators and hold workshops and exhibitions to showcase the work of both kids and grownups.

Mighty Vision’s November Fourth Friday will feature: Mighty Writers will feature a new exhibition of original pages from 215 Ink's comics, including "Blue Moth" by Rolf Lejdegård, "Warped!" by Fernando Pinto and "Footprints" by Joey Esposito and Jonathan Moore. Stop by for a night of refreshments, original comic art that ranges from noir to sci-fi to intergalactic mayhem, and a chance to meet the team behind 215 Ink (<http://215ink.com/>).

Community Cultural Exchange, <http://www.communityculturalexchange.org/word/>

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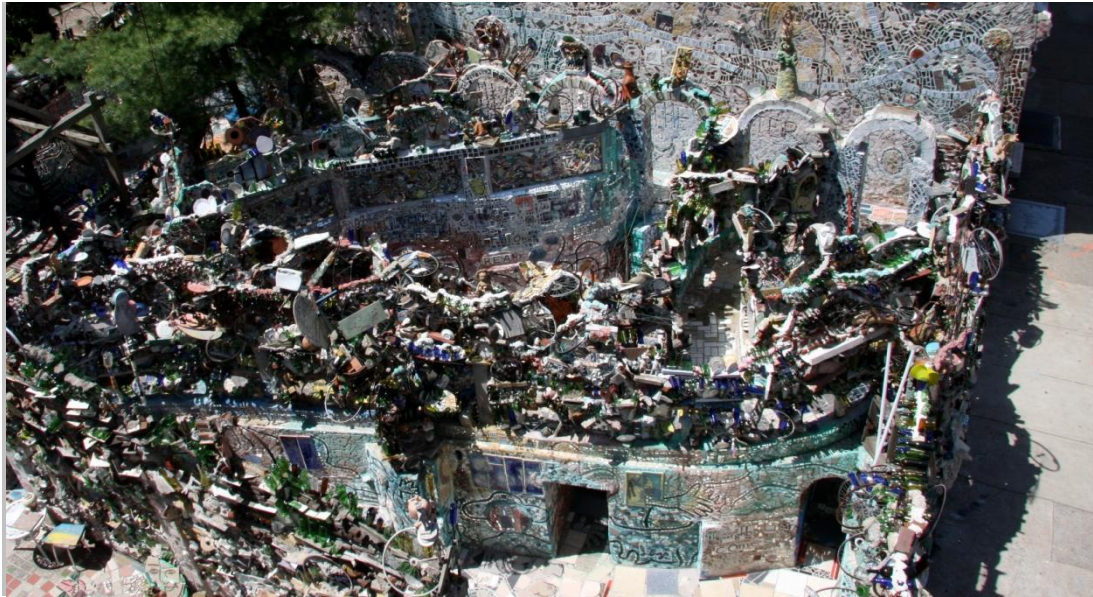


The CCE is a 501(c)3 non-profit with the mission to create community through art and culture. They do so by acting as a bridge between local art and culture groups, businesses, artists and the South Street area community. Encouraging the exchange of Philadelphia culture, they facilitate programs and events of all disciplines including musical, visual, performing, literary, and wellness arts.

CCE’s November Fourth Friday will feature: The Community Cultural Exchange (CCE) will host its *First Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar* this Black Friday.

This three-day event will showcase a variety of talented artisans and crafters from Philadelphia's vibrant artist community to benefit the CCE and its Arts on South location. As always, the event is free and for all ages.

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About Philadelphia's Magic Gardens (www.philadelphiamagicgardens.org)

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens, the host of the program, is a nonprofit arts center that preserves the artworks of mosaicist Isaiah Zagar and educates the public about mosaic and folk art. The Magic Gardens, his largest artwork, includes a fully tiled indoor space and a massive outdoor labyrinthine mosaic sculpture garden that spans half a city block on Philadelphia's famous South St. By making art accessible, PMG seeks to foster civic engagement, community beautification and artistic collaboration.

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