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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

South Street, Philadelphia

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens & South Street Headhouse District present

Arts on South "Fourth Friday" Receptions

Receptions on Friday, January 27, 2012 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 January 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 December 15, 2011 - April 15, 2012. For more information, follow us on Facebook.

The participating *Arts on South* groups include:

Neighborhood Bike Works - South Philly "The Bikery" www.neighborhoodbikeworks.org

508 S. 5th Street, Friday, January 27, 2012, Reception from 5:00 – 8:00 PM, Bands begin at 8:00 PM



NBW created the Bikery to promote their mission of education through cycling by providing a space for the South Philly community to learn about bikes. The Bikery is part of Arts on South's new **Storefront Program** which seeks to beautify and transform South Street with partnerships between local artists and local businesses. Their current artist in residence is the group *Fine Fare Collective*.

The Bikery's January Fourth Friday: The Bikery is excited to present the artwork of their new artists in residence, *Fine Fare Collective*, a quirky group of printmakers, illustrators and painters. There will also be live music by the bands *Push Ups* (Philadelphia), *Brick Mower* (New Brunswick), *The Eeries* (Philadelphia), and *Aspiga* (Collingswood).

Phantom Hand, <http://phantomhand.blogspot.com>

604 South Street, Friday, January 27, 2012 from 5:00 – 10:00 PM

Phantom Hand is the newest member of the Arts on South program! It is an artist-run gallery space created by a group of Philadelphia illustrators. Pulling from a wide variety of local art institutions, societies, clans, brotherhoods, and esoteric orders, Phantom Hand will host four themed exhibitions showcasing the visually challenging, awe-inspiring, horrifying, beautiful and awkward.

Phantom Hand's December Fourth Friday will feature: *Artificial Dissemination; Propaganda to Popaganda*, their second exhibition in their AOS Gallery. *Artificial Dissemination* is an exhibition devoted to Propaganda Posters. The social commentary in the posters ranges from warnings about the pitfalls of witchcraft, retaining imagination, and the true nature of religion, to local jobs and the bizarre.



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

641 South Street, Friday, January 27, 2012 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM



MIGHTYVISION engages 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 January Fourth Friday: Mighty Writers is excited to feature local illustrator Sam Schechter's show *What Would Your Father Say*.

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

706 South Street, Friday, January 27, 2012 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM

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 January Fourth Friday: Community Cultural Exchange is thrilled to be featuring a *Sound Art Convergence* gallery reception featuring new and old friends, local craft vendors and live musical performances.



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

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens (PMG), the host of the program, is a nonprofit arts center that inspires creativity and community engagement by educating the public about folk, mosaic, and visionary art. PMG preserves, interprets, and provides access to Isaiah Zagar's unique mosaic art environment and his public murals. Philadelphia's Magic Gardens, Zagar's 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.

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