

Private Events at Philadelphia's Magic Gardens

Looking for a truly unique venue for your special event? Welcome to [Philadelphia's Magic Gardens!](#) PMG is a one-of-a-kind visionary art environment, gallery space, and nonprofit organization created by Isaiah Zagar over a period of fourteen years. Zagar's largest creation to date, this 3,000 square foot fully embellished mosaic installation includes an indoor gallery and a massive outdoor labyrinthine mosaic sculpture. Primarily consisting of found objects and contributions from the community, PMG covers half a city block with myriads of tile, texture, and color. A walk through the labyrinth will reveal sculptures from Latin America and Asia, bicycle wheels from local South Street shop Via Bicycles, Zagar's hand-made tiles, and mirrors of every shape and size. Nestled in the vibrant South Street neighborhood, [Philadelphia's Magic Gardens](#) is an excellent choice for both personal and professional gatherings!

History of the Space Mosaicing since 1968 and completing over 130 murals throughout Philadelphia, renowned artist [Isaiah Zagar](#) dedicated fourteen years of his life to crafting this incredible folk art installation. Facing demolition in 2002, the community rallied to save the cherished site, thus creating the nonprofit organization, [Philadelphia's Magic Gardens](#).

Facilities: When hosting an event in the Gardens, renters are invited to utilize the outdoor labyrinth, indoor gallery spaces, and fully mosaiced basement. Rental prices are based on the weekday, season, and length of your event, and your payment will support our growing nonprofit community arts center! Unlike many other venues, PMG has no in-house catering service requirements or alcohol restrictions. With the rich history of special events that have been held at PMG, we can refer you to a catalogue of superb catering services, as well as preferred professional photographers and musicians.



“The Fab Bride Blog named Philadelphia’s Magic Gardens one of the Top 10 Reasons to get married in Philly”

Rental Rates

PMG Hourly Rental Rates for Private Events	
Peak Season (March-October)	
Monday - Thursday	\$250/hr
Friday - Sunday	\$350/hr
Nonprofit rate	\$200/hr
Holidays/Holiday weekends	\$450/hr
Off- Peak Season (November-February)	
Monday - Thursday	\$150/hr
Friday - Sunday	\$200/hr
Nonprofit rate	\$125/hr
Holidays/Holiday weekends	\$300/hr



“I could not have asked for a more beautiful venue for our wedding. Philadelphia's Magic Gardens embodied everything I wanted and more. The PMG staff were helpful and willing to work with my needs. ALL my family and friends have raved about the unique beauty of the Garden. PMG really helped us create magic on our very special day.”- Wedding testimonial

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Rental FAQs

What's included in the rental fee?

Thirty folding chairs and six 3' x 6' tables, a coat rack, and outdoor lighting are available for your use. If additional seating or lighting is needed then arrangements can be made through a caterer or rental company of your choice. On-site staff are also present during the event to make sure every aspect runs smoothly.

What are the additional costs to the rental fee?

Along with the rental fee, PMG asks for a refundable damage deposit and event insurance to be purchased to protect the renter and their guests. Depending on the event, the damage deposit is either \$500 or \$1,000 and event insurance is approximately \$300.

How should I pay my rental fee?

The renter will pay 50% of the total rental fee as a deposit to secure the date. A signed contract and the deposit are due at least 1.5 months prior to the event date. The balance, damage deposit, and proof of event insurance are due no less than 15 days prior to the event. Payment can be made by check, payable to "Philadelphia's Magic Gardens," or by cash.

What are the restrictions on rentals?

All events must end by 10:00PM in respect to our neighborhood noise ordinance. Renters/caterers are required to remove all trash and equipment by the end of the event and certain equipment may be prohibited in order to protect the artwork. Full day rentals are not available on Saturdays. During peak season (March-October), weekend rentals must start after 4pm. We regret that we cannot host events for minors (under 18 years of age), including children's birthday parties, proms, and sweet sixteen parties.

Which Caterer should I use?

PMG can provide a list of suggested caterers, but clients should not feel limited to the list. However, any caterer unfamiliar with the space is required to visit PMG prior to the event. PMG reserves the right to final approval for caterers.

Can I have a DJ or live band?

Live music or DJs are allowed. PMG reserves the right to control the sound level of any live music or sound system that is used within the space. Music must end by 10:00pm due to the neighborhood noise ordinance.

How many guests can PMG accommodate?

For seated receptions the maximum capacity is 75. If you are interested in having a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres the maximum capacity is 100.

Can I have a rehearsal for my wedding?

Yes, all rehearsals must be arranged with the PMG staff beforehand and must occur during normal business hours.

What is PMG's alcohol policy?

Alcoholic beverages are permitted in both our indoor and outdoor facilities. Renters must obey Pennsylvania State Liquor Laws.

What if I need to cancel my event?

The 50% deposit is non-refundable, but the balance of the total fee is returned if you cancel up to 14 days prior to the event.

Can I have engagement photos taken at PMG?

Yes, a professional photo shoot can take place at PMG. You do not need to rent the space for a photo shoot, but we do ask for a fee of \$50/hour. Any professional photo shoots must be scheduled in advance and must occur during normal business hours. Photographs taken during a private event are not subject to the \$50/hour fee.

