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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Popular after-hours event returns this April!**

**ENGAGE, CREATE, AND RELAX WITH *TWILIGHT IN THE GARDENS* SERIES**

**Friday, April 25, 2014, 7:00 – 10:00 PM**

**Admission \$8/Members, Students and Seniors, \$10/Non-Members, BYOB**

SOUTH STREET, PHILADELPHIA: Philadelphia's Magic Gardens' series, *Twilight in the Gardens* kicks off the 2014 season with a bang! April's *TIG* is all about patterns and layering with a one-of-a-kind musical act and hands-on art activity. Catch the mesmerizing rhythms of Loop 2.4.3, a duo that specializes in complicated percussion patterns. Grab a drink and create your own masterpiece while learning the art of needle felting with teaching artist Megan Gwaltney.

Back by popular demand are our challenging scavenger hunts and guided mini-tours – two great ways to learn more about PMG! Don't forget to BYOB (Bring Your Booze and Blanket) to enjoy this fun evening and start off a great summer of events!

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**APRIL *TWILIGHT IN THE GARDENS* SCHEDULE**

**7:00 - 10:00 PM**— Enjoy the music, sights, and good company while drinking your favorite adult beverage, exploring the beautifully-lit sculpture garden, and challenge yourself with a scavenger hunt.

**7:00 – 9:30 PM** – Create your own needle felted masterpiece with Megan Gwaltney. Needle Felting is a technique use to create two-dimensional and three-dimensional images by interlocking multiple layers of fiber.

**7:30– 7:50 PM**— Jump onto a 20-minute guided mini tour of PMG and view the mosaicked basement, a site not open to the general public.

**8:00 – 9:00 PM**— Enjoy an hour long performance by Loop 2.4.3

**9:15 – 9:35 PM**— If you missed the first mini tour make sure to join the last behind-the-scenes tour of the evening.

**ABOUT THE PERFORMERS AND ARTIST:**

**PERFORMER** [Loop 2.4.3](#), a New York based performance duo, focuses on percussive composition while weaving a harmony of vocals, strings and electronics. Members Thomas Kozumplik and multi-instrumentalist Lorne-Watson create arrangements that Time out Chicago described as having “stunning improvisational sense.” These compositions are minimalist at time, and intensely complicated at others; creating a hypnotizing performance.

Loop 2.4.3 was founded on the work of Kozumplik and Watson as the New York Percussion Duo, as a platform to collaborate with a wealth of ensembles, musicians and artists including **Belle Orchestre**, **The Books**, and dancer/choreographer **Alan Good**. The group has held residencies at universities around the country including Cornell University and NYU; and has performed on such renowned stages as the London Jazz Festival and Carnegie Hall.

**ARTIST** Megan Gwaltney graduated from the University of the Arts in 2007 with a BFA in Sculpture and a Concentration in Art Therapy. Though she occasionally makes her own artwork, Megan's true passion is facilitating others' self expression and personal growth via art-making. For the past five years, Megan has provided therapeutic art groups at a New Jersey residential facility for troubled, at-risk, emotionally disturbed and traumatized youth. She has also spent many hours teaching locally at Oasis, an arts and education program in Philadelphia that offers creativity-based healing and learning opportunities to adults with intellectual disabilities and/or mental illness.

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#### **ABOUT TWILIGHT IN THE GARDENS**

*Twilight in the Gardens* is held every fourth Friday of the month from April-October at Philadelphia's Magic Gardens. Each one of these special evenings features a unique array of arts experiences paired with a live musical performance. Visitors might participate in an art-making activity to the sounds of a toy pianist, or witness a fire dancer spinning flames after hearing a steel drum band! These one-of-a-kind events also give visitors the chance to learn more about PMG through fun, casual mini-tours of the space and to view the temporary exhibitions hanging in our galleries. All *Twilight in the Gardens* evenings are BYOB (Bring Your Own Booze and Blanket) but wine will also be available with drink tickets. For questions about *Twilight in the Gardens*, please contact Performance Coordinator, Lauren Harkins via email: [lharkins@phillymagicgardens.org](mailto:lharkins@phillymagicgardens.org) or by calling 215-733-0390.

#### **ABOUT PHILADELPHIA'S MAGIC GARDENS ([www.philadelphiasmagicgardens.org](http://www.philadelphiasmagicgardens.org))**

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens (PMG) is a mosaicked visionary art environment, gallery, and community arts center that preserves, interprets, and provides access to Isaiah Zagar's unique mosaic art environment and his public murals. The Magic Gardens site, Zagar's largest artwork, includes a fully tiled indoor space and a massive outdoor mosaic sculpture garden that spans half a block on Philadelphia's famous South Street. Inside, visitors can view folk art statues, bicycle wheels, colorful glass bottles, Zagar's hand-made tiles, and thousands of glittering mirrors. The installation pays tribute to Zagar's artistic influences, along with community and personal experiences.

Open to visitors daily, PMG has become a unique Philadelphia destination, hosting year-round, low-cost public programs within its own distinctive venue and the surrounding community. PMG, a nonprofit organization, inspires creativity and community engagement by educating the public about folk, mosaic, and visionary art.

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