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**MAGIC  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**TUNE IN FOR THE SECOND HALF OF “MOUTH HOUSE SESSIONS”**

**A Visual Music Experience Recorded at Philadelphia’s Magic Gardens**

ONLINE: Don’t miss the second half of the incredible virtual concert known as the Mouth House Sessions! This event is a collaborative project between local musicians, organized by the enigmatic Tubey Frank, and Philadelphia’s Magic Gardens (PMG). On Friday, June 4 at 7:00 PM, the concert will be broadcast on [PMG’s website](#) as well as [PMG’s Facebook](#) and [YouTube channel](#), and the performers’ social media platforms.

This spring an on-site sound team of only three created an entire recording studio inside the grounds of the Philadelphia Magic Gardens with their own personal recording equipment (and a little help from neighbors BridgeSet Sound). During this time they recorded an approximately 2 hour record with ten musicians in just three days. While knowing and respecting each other, many of the musicians had never played together until meeting in person to record. Every day the studio was torn down at the end and rebuilt again at the beginning of the next recording session.

This resulting musical performance, filmed by Bob Sweeney, is airing in two parts. Part one was released on May 14 and is available to watch until the second half airs on June 4. Part two will feature lively performances by Tubey Frank, The Lunar Year, and Kuf Knotz & Christine Elise, along with a roster of Philadelphia’s finest talent. It is free to view, but donations are highly encouraged. 75% of donations will go towards the artists, sound team, producer who spent hundreds of hours to put this concert together, and 25% will go towards preserving Philadelphia’s Magic Gardens’ unique space.

On how this concert came about, Tubey Frank explains, "When we started this video series as a pandemic alternative we decided traditional studios/venues might not be an option that we wanted to pursue. I decided to build our studio/venue with people I know and trust and we were able to create a space in a way that worked for everybody. For this recording we really experimented to see exactly how much we could bite off, and were delighted to discover that we could pull off a 2-hour music film. Every artist in this outfit is profoundly talented, beautiful, and inspiring. The project was challenging, unusual, stressful, yet one of the most fulfilling in my life." Musician Christine Elise adds, "It was a soul warming experience to play within the walls of the Magic Garden. The art hugged our arms as all the musicians vibrantly shared their talents to collectively become one with the mosaic art."

To make a donation please visit [Philadelphia’s Magic Gardens’ website and click “Donate.”](#)

**About [Tubey Frank](#)**

Described as “bedroom pop” “expansive folk” and “psychedelic garage rock”, South Street’s multi-instrumentalist Tubey Frank writes eerie ballads, rambunctious rockers and sobering meditations, covering a broad spectrum of modern “American” music. Tubey Frank and backing band The Quiet Fire (including Rosemeat members Erik Kramer, Adam Shumski, Melina Harris, accordionist Salis Dembling, jazz trumpet artist Paul Giess and more) slate their record for release by the end of 2021.

Audiences who enjoy emotive, lyrical songs of future American folklore - listen anywhere music is streamed, listen to Bandcamp exclusive album "Quarantine Sketches", or look out for the upcoming record by Tubey Frank & The Quiet Fire.

### **About The Lunar Year**

The Lunar Year is an indie band from Philadelphia, PA. The group is led by front person Katie Hackett. Their album Herodias was released June 2017. The record includes single Porcelain which gained them a cult following, television placement and international features. "The frontwoman of the folk/rock band The Lunar Year has the kind of vocal chops that push the music into ponderous places, letting it soar and crack at just the right moments. The lyrics, too, seem to well up from somewhere deep. The new album is Herodias and it's worth your time." -Philadelphia Magazine

### **About [Kuf Knotz & Christine Elise Bio](#)**

MC/ Poet/ Songwriter Kuf Knotz and classically trained Harpist / Guitarist / Pianist / Vocalist Christine Elise have combined forces to create a new album. The unlikely pair connected and built the project with a similar vision, wanting to create positive, forward thinking music driven by a strong message. Both individuals are intrinsically motivated to foster community growth through musical expression.

Kuf Knotz and Christine Elise offer motivational creative arts workshops and performances at various settings such as hospitals, schools and community centers. Their mission is to use the power of music, personal experience and empathetic relation to help individuals grow to meet their fullest potential.

### **Other Artists Featured:**

Taylor Kelly  
justmadnice  
Erik Kramer  
Jen Buono  
Alyssa Almeida

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### **About [Philadelphia's Magic Gardens](#):**

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens (PMG) is an immersive mixed media art environment that is completely covered with mosaics. The creator, Isaiah Zagar, used handmade tiles, bottles, bicycle wheels, mirror, and international folk art to chronicle his life and influences. The exploratory space is made up of two indoor galleries and a bi-level outdoor sculpture garden. As a nonprofit museum, PMG celebrates art in its many forms through community outreach, public programs, hands-on activities, exhibitions, and tours. We welcome everyone to explore the space and embrace the possibility of self-expression.

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