

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Enjoy an Enchanting Evening at Twilight in the Gardens! Experience a live performance by Vincena and make wire art with Joyce Mercer

SOUTH STREET, PHILADELPHIA: Spend a captivating evening at Twilight in the Gardens on Friday, June 23, from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.! For this BYOB after-hours event we're excited to have a live performance by <u>Vincena</u> and a hands-on wire art activity with <u>Joyce Mercer</u>.

Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket, snacks, and drinks to picnic in our space. Catch a live musical performance by Vincena in our courtyard and bask in her funky and folky sound. Over at our craft tables join artist Joyce Mercer for a fun wire twisting experience as we make key chains and/or Doc Marten Charms! We'll use aluminum wire and beads to make your very own one-of-a-kind item!

Visitors also have the chance to learn more about Philadelphia's Magic Gardens through fun, casual selfguided tours of our mosaicked basement, and can check out "<u>Laying the Foundation: The Zagars' Lives in</u> <u>South Philadelphia</u>" in our galleries.

All <u>Twilight</u> events take place at Philadelphia's Magic Gardens at 1020 South Street, Philadelphia. <u>Tickets</u> <u>are available online</u> or via phone (215-733-0390 ext. 119) starting June 9, and are \$25/ Adults, \$20/ Students & Seniors, and \$16/ PMG Members. Space is limited and we recommend purchasing ahead of time.

ABOUT THE MUSICIAN:

<u>Vincena</u> got her nomadic start in North Philadelphia during the height of the Neo Soul era singing in church. You could expect to hear artists like Jill Scott, Musiq Soulchild, & Alicia Keys being sung which was her inspiration to sing and perform. Coining the term "Gypsy Funk" as her Genre, Band, & Brand she infuses Gypsy Jazz, R&B Soul, Funk, Folk, and Alternative with her debut EP "The Purple Phase" being the start of the Gypsy Funk sonic aesthetic. Live instrumentation is key to the shaping of the sound as it's Violin driven, Bass riding, Guitar strumming, Magic. Having already performed at Made in America and SoFarSounds, she easily flaunts her irrefutable talent.

ABOUT THE TEACHING ARTIST:

<u>Joyce Mercer</u> is the creator/designer behind Jewelry With Me. Jewelry With Me is fun, funky, colorful handmade wire jewelry! Her goal is to create handmade one of a kind pieces without being expensive for those of us who like to be unique!

JUNE SCHEDULE:

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Create with wire twisted art with Joyce Mercer

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Self-Guided Tours of PMG's mosaicked basement 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Live Performance by <u>Vincena</u>

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ABOUT TWILIGHT IN THE GARDENS

Twilight in the Gardens allows guests to experience Philadelphia's Magic Gardens after hours with a live musical performance, guided art workshop, and casual mini-tours. Guests are encouraged to BYOBBS (Bring Your Own Booze, Blanket, and Snacks) to get comfortable and picnic in our mosaicked labyrinth. Taking place every fourth Friday from May-October, each event is unique and encompasses a variety of musical genres and art experiences.

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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