The Art Environments of Isaiah Zagar

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens (PMG) is the most well-known of the art environments of Isaiah Zagar. But Isaiah has also transformed several other properties into complete works of art.

The Original Location of the Eye's Gallery 402 South Street

This is the first property Isaiah embellished. He and his wife Julia opened their store the Eye's Gallery here in 1968 (now located at 327 South Street) and lived above the store until 1984.



Philadelphia's Magic Gardens 1020-26 South Street

The Zagars bought the rowhome and courtyard in 1995. A few years later Isaiah began work on the adjacent lots, which he did not own. The nonprofit PMG formed in

2004 to save them from destruction. The whole site opened as a museum in 2008.

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The Zagar Home 826 South Street

The Zagars moved into this house in 1985. Isaiah mosaicked the space inside and out for more than a decade. The Zagars still live here today.





This building served as Isaiah's

studio from 1986-2015. In 2010 the lower level became PMG's back gallery. The second level now serves as offices for PMG.



610 S. 10th Street

The Zagars bought this rowhome in 1975 to use as Isaiah's studio. The family also lived here briefly. For many years they rented the space as three apartments before selling it to PMG in 2023.

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Watkins Street Warehouse 1002-12 Watkins Street

The Zagars bought this 10,000 square foot space in 2007. The site houses thousands of works by Zagar from his time as an art student in the late 1950s to the present. He moved his studio here in 2015.

