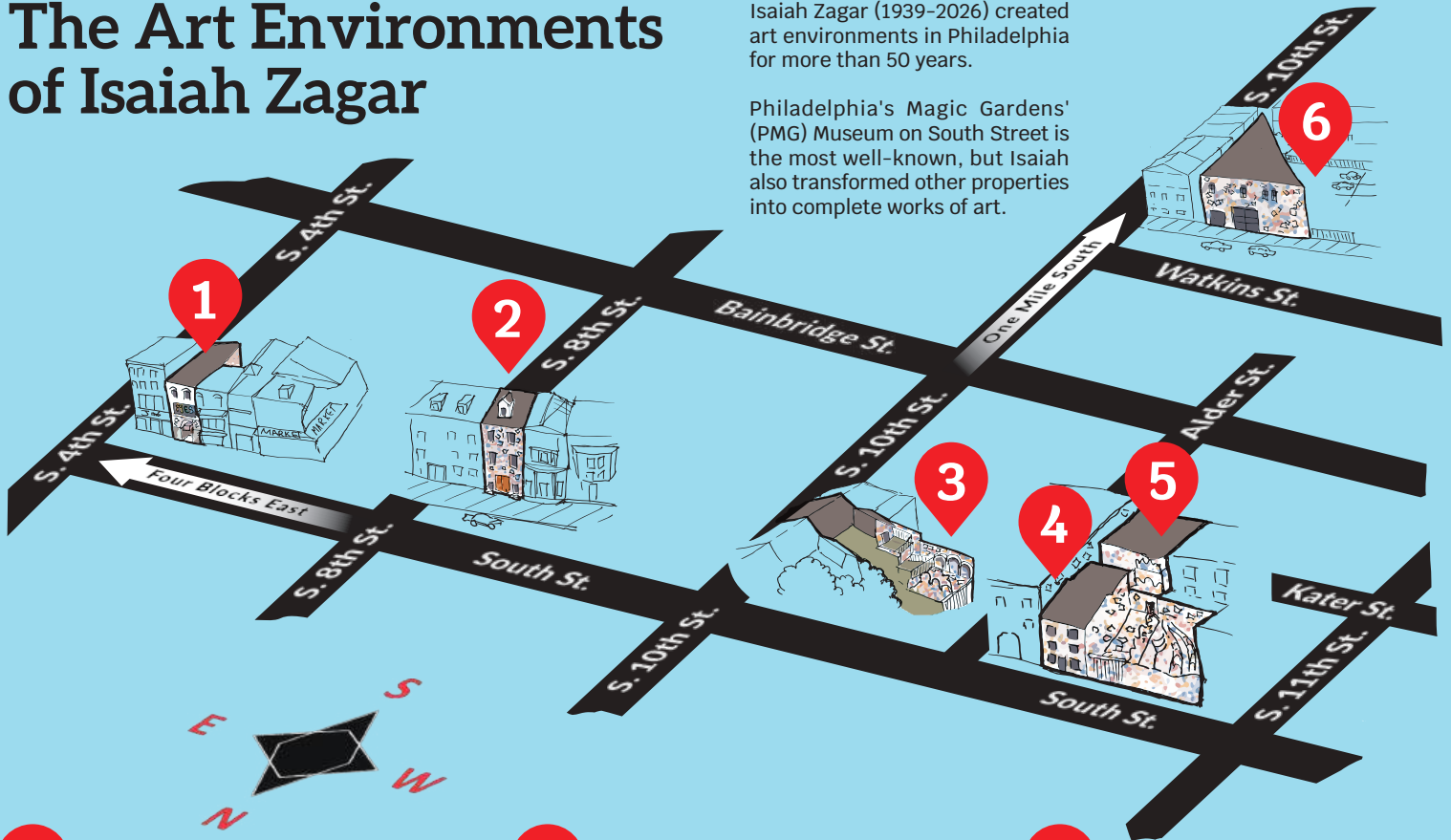


The Art Environments of Isaiah Zagar

Isaiah Zagar (1939-2026) created art environments in Philadelphia for more than 50 years.

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens' (PMG) Museum on South Street is the most well-known, but Isaiah also transformed other properties into complete works of art.



1

The Eye's Gallery

Original Location
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.



2

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. Julia Zagar still lives here today.



3

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.



4

The Magic Gardens Museum

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.



5

The Magic Gardens Museum

1003-05 Kater Street

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



6

The Magic Gardens Studio

1002-12 Watkins Street

The Zagars bought this 10,000 square foot warehouse in 2007. It houses their art archive and served as Isaiah's studio from 2015-2023. The Zagars donated the building to PMG in 2023. The space is open on a limited basis for tours and programs.

