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New York City Artist's Colorful Mosaics Come to Philly

Fragmented Reflections: Impressions in Clay

A Mosaic Exhibition by Michal Golan

FEBRUARY 10 - APRIL 15, 2012

FREE OPENING RECEPTION-FEBRUARY 18, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

SOUTH STREET- If you thought mosaics couldn't get any more colorful than Isaiah Zagar's brilliant Philadelphia murals, then you may have to reconsider. This February, mosaic and jewelry artist Michal Golan will bring her intensely-hued works from the Big Apple to the City of Brotherly Love for her largest exhibition to date.

Fragmented Reflections: Impressions in Clay features 29 new pieces by Golan, showcasing a wide range of sizes and shapes. These mosaics represent a blend of Golan's present-day influences, paired with experiences acquired from her upbringing in Haifa, Israel. She explains, "I have a deep fascination with archaeology and ancient civilizations, especially in the use of symbols and hieroglyphics. I have fallen in love with the medium [because of its unique ability] to balance strong links to the past with the potential to look fresh and contemporary." Golan also finds inspiration for her lively art within the hustle and bustle of New York City—from the array of fabric stores, current news, and strong female role models that surround her Manhattan studio.

The exhibition will be Golan's first solo mosaic show and will demonstrate her mastery of this particular technique, developed over the past ten years. Photographs of the process used to create these amazing treasures will also be on display, describing a method far more complex than many realize.

Fragmented Reflections: Impressions in Clay will span February 10 to April 15, 2012. The opening reception will occur on Saturday, February 18, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. View more about the exhibitions at Philadelphia's Magic Gardens by visiting www.phillymagicgardens.org/news/exhibitions. More information about Michal Golan and her art can be found at www.michalgolan.com.



About Philadelphia's Magic Gardens

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. For more information, visit www.philadelphiamagicgardens.org.

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