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WORCESTERSHIRE LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS SHORTLISTED FOR BBC GARDENERS' WORLD LIVE AWARD



Design It Landscapes entry for the APL Avenue Best Show Garden competition

Droitwich-based firm Design It Landscapes is one of five landscape contractors and garden designers to compete for this year's APL Avenue Best Show Garden award at BBC Gardeners' World Live.

Hosted for the fourth year running by the Association of Professional Landscapers (APL), this year's entrants have been challenged to create Show Gardens which illustrate how a typical back garden can be packed with inspiration from travels abroad and the garden styles of different cultures across the globe.

Lucy Bravington is responsible for the entry and is hoping to win the title of Best APL Avenue Show Garden with a garden influenced by her love of New York.

The industrial-themed garden is designed for a couple keen on interior design who also love to travel, and have a terraced garden overlooked by neighbours. The design uses trees and ornamental grasses to add a sense of privacy while providing a calming retreat, to sit with a coffee (or Manhattan cocktail) and take time out from a busy day.

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The Show Garden Assessment Panel, which includes internationally renowned garden designer Kate Gould and chairman of Hillier Nurseries, Robert Hillier, will decide who takes home the accolade of Best APL Avenue Show Garden. There will also be a public vote for the 'Visitors Favourite'.

Dan Ryan, owner of Design It Landscapes, said: "Lucy is well known for her love of New York – particularly The High Line, a beautiful, industrial garden on a bridge over a disused railway line. She has used this as inspiration for what we think is a show-stopping design that will hopefully impress the show judges as well as the general public.

"Our ultimate aim is to present a garden that draws its inspiration from New York – but is also achievable and sustainable for garden enthusiasts everywhere."

The competition is made up of four other landscaping companies from Nottinghamshire, Suffolk, London and Northamptonshire.

Bob Sweet, horticultural director of BBC Gardeners' World Live, said: "Each of the designs showcase the immense talent that the landscaping companies have. We know that the gardens will be built to a very high standard and will provide achievable inspiration to the Show visitors, giving them ideas for how to apply inspiration from their own travels around the world, at home."

BBC Gardener's World Live takes place at the NEC in Birmingham from Thursday 13 to Sunday 16 June where the five inspirational gardens will be on display along with many other show gardens, vast floral marquee and top experts including Monty Don and Alan Titchmarsh. Tickets are available at www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com

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