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LONDON LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS SHORTLISTED FOR BBC GARDENERS' WORLD LIVE AWARD



Morgan Oates' entry for the APL Avenue Best Show Garden competition

Chiswick-based firm, Morgan Oates, 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.

Anna Pawlowska is the designer responsible for the entry and is hoping to win the title of Best APL Avenue Show Garden with a garden influenced by Moroccan and Mediterranean themes.

The space is designed for a couple who work long hours in demanding jobs. The garden features a wild flower meadow surrounded by a water feature, while ornamental grasses and evergreen climbers have been planted along the fencing. An ornamental cherry tree has been planted in the corner of the garden as an additional feature.

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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 Morgan Oates, director of Morgan Oates, said: "We wanted to create somewhere for a busy couple to relax, enjoy spending time together and absorb the tranquil surroundings, perhaps over a glass of wine.

"Our ultimate aim is to present a garden that draws its inspiration from Morocco and the Mediterranean but which is also achievable and sustainable for garden enthusiasts everywhere."

The competition is made up of four other landscaping companies from Nottinghamshire, Worcestershire, Suffolk 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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