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APL Avenue finalists announced for BBC Gardeners' World Live 2019

For the fourth year running, the Association of Professional Landscapers (APL) return to BBC Gardeners' World Live with the much-anticipated Show Garden competition, **APL Avenue**. This is an opportunity for five APL contractors to feature their inspirational, aspirational and relatable gardens at BBC Gardeners' World Live taking place at Birmingham's NEC from 13 to 16 June 2019. The winning garden will be awarded *Best APL Avenue Show Garden* by the Show Garden Assessment panel, plus a public vote will crown the visitor's favourite.

With an international inspired theme in 2019, the five gardens within APL Avenue give visitors the opportunity to witness first-hand what variety, quality, creativity and interpretation of a brief can be achieved in a small space when engaging the skills of a professional landscaper. The five designs are each infused with global garden styles and planting ideas, from Moroccan patterns and Mediterranean colours to Cambodian exotics and the New York skyline.

The landscapers who will build their Show Gardens at BBC Gardeners' World Live 2019 are:

- **Creative Roots Landscaping**, designed by Toby Pritchard
- **Design it Landscapes**, designed by Lucy Bravington Design
- **Gadd Brothers**, designed by Catherine Macdonald & Rhiannon Williams
- **Morgan Oates**, designed by Anna Pawtowska
- **Timotay Landscapes**, designed by Robyn Brookes & Keith Walmsley (Timotay Landscapes)

Bob Sweet, Horticultural Director of BBC Gardeners' World Live, said *"APL Avenue always features an incredible collection of Show Gardens, and this year will be no exception. The new globetrotting theme is a wonderful way of illustrating to visitors how travel memories can be used to influence the look and feel of their space, offering up an opportunity for unusual and exciting designs that still work in an average urban or suburban back garden. The five landscapers going forward have presented fantastic designs, and we know that each will be built to a very high standard. I, for one, can't wait to see them in June!"*

Keyscape Gardens, with award winning designer Martyn Wilson, achieved a Gold Medal for their APL Avenue Show Garden at BBC Gardeners' World Live 2018. Of his experience, Martyn said *"APL Avenue is unique to this show, offering the chance for visitors to see how great design and build can transform a standard urban back garden into a truly unique getaway whilst, importantly, remaining achievable and realistic. Our design was based on a traditional Victorian terrace back garden, so was extremely relatable in terms of scale and use. It was fantastic to speak to so many people about details they could try in their own spaces, be it using wire as a trellis, mixing-up patio materials, using a wood burner outdoors or the use of accent colours."* (keyscapegardens.co.uk, wilsongardendesign.co.uk)

Members of the APL team and the landscapers will be on hand throughout the four days of the event to meet over 100,000 visitors and share their wealth of knowledge, demystifying the process of a garden build and giving advice on costs and options. To ensure top-quality design and construction, each garden will receive a contribution towards the build. Marshalls and Rolawn are both garden product suppliers, with Marshalls supplying products from their domestic range and Rolawn supplying their turf and topsoil.

For more information on the landscapers and their initial garden designs, visit www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com/gardens

BBC Gardeners' World Live takes place 13 to 16 June 2019 at The NEC Birmingham. For tickets and Show information visit www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com

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For more information on the APL Avenue show gardens, the designers, interviews and competitions please contact sarah.sandys-renton@riverstreetevents.co.uk or call 020 3405 4286. Details correct at time of print.

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