

## APL Avenue: Inspiration from afar

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.

All five of the APL Show Gardens are designed as back gardens, with take home ideas to appeal to the 103,000 visitors that BBC Gardeners' World Live attracts.

**The confirmed contractors and designers who will be at BBC Gardeners' World Live 2019 are:**

**Creative Roots** Designed by Toby Pritchard

Travel inspiration: **Southern Florida**

Laid out as though viewed from the house, this garden design includes inspiration from several countries. Marshalls' Symphony Paving takes you from the house to the patio and seating area with a rill inspired by Yves Saint Laurent gardens and decking on stilts reminiscent of gardens of southern Florida. The planting is foliage-heavy with plenty of large-leafed shrubs and warm colours of the exotics.



**Designit Landscapes**, designed by Lucy Bravington

Travel inspiration: **New York**

This garden takes heavy influence from the client's love of New York, in particular The High Line - a beautiful garden on a bridge over a disused railway line full of clean lines and contemporary styling. In a similar fashion, this garden design uses trees, perennials and ornamental grasses to create a sense of privacy, making it the perfect spot to relax with a Manhattan cocktail!



**GADD Brothers**, designed by Dr Catherine Macdonald and Rhiannon Williams

Travel inspiration: **Australia**

This garden is designed for a young professional couple who have recently extended their period home with a small, linear garden, accessed from the house by simple sliding doors. The garden features metal, vertical decorative screens, raised stone clad planters. The planting scheme is inspired by trips to Australian rainforests, with a simple colour palette and green textural forms.



**Morgan Oates**, designed by Anna Pawlowska

Travel inspiration: **Moroccan and Mediterranean**

Designed as an after-work escape, this garden is the place to relax and enjoy spending time together. There are strong Moroccan and Mediterranean influences and the planting includes a wild flower meadow, surrounded by a water feature and ornamental grasses and evergreen climbers along the fencing. An ornamental cherry tree features in the corner of the garden.



**Timotay Landscapes**, designed by Robyn Brookes and Keith Walmsley

Travel inspiration: **South East Asia**

This garden has been designed for keen travellers who have spent much of their working life visiting exotic countries and would like their own garden to be reminiscent of their South East Asian adventures. This garden is a fusion of ideas inspired by the natural landscapes of Indochina. The lounging areas are secluded by planting and offer a place to relax and appreciate the sound of the natural waterfall.



Marshalls pride themselves as the leading hard landscaping provider for domestic gardens and driveways and are proud to have supplied products to all garden displays at BBC Gardeners' World Live. Organisers would also like to offer up a big thank you to sponsors Rolawn, as the Show Garden designers and contractors are all able to benefit from their Medallion Turf and their safe, consistent, fertile growing media.

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