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SUFFOLK LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS SHORTLISTED FOR BBC GARDENERS' WORLD LIVE AWARD



Gadd Brothers' entry for the APL Avenue Best Show Garden competition

Bury St Edmonds-based firm, Gadd Brothers, 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.

Catherine Macdonald and Rhiannon Williams are the designers responsible for the entry which they are hoping to win the title of Best APL Avenue Show Garden with a garden influenced by the tropical rainforests of Australia.

The space is aimed at a young professional couple who have recently extended their period property and who share a love of Australia. It has been designed to suit a smaller garden, creating height and using a limited colour palette. The garden features metal decorative screens and raised stone clad planters, which complement a wood and metal arch.

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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'.

James Gadd, of Gadd Brothers, said: "We have incorporated multi-stem trees with a wood and metal pergola to provide the different heights whilst also including a water feature and two seating areas where the owners can relax and enjoy their surroundings.

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

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