

THE SAVILLS AND DAVID HARBER GARDEN – RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW 2019

Sponsored by Savills, the global real estate services provider and award-winning artist and sculptor, David Harber. Designed by Andrew Duff MSGD



JANUARY 2019: Award-winning international artist and RHS Chelsea Flower Show stalwart, David Harber, is thrilled to announce that he will once again sponsor a Main Avenue Show Garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2019. The immersive space is co-sponsored by global real estate services provider, Savills and created by celebrated garden designer, Andrew Duff MSGD.

Having successfully joined forces at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2018 to sponsor a Main Avenue garden which explored mankind's impact through the ages, this is the second collaboration between Savills and David Harber. The brainchild of Andrew Duff, an esteemed member of the Society of Garden Designers, this year's garden is a celebration of the environmental benefit and beauty of trees, plants and grass in urban spaces.

The design seeks to create a beautiful, sustainable woodland clearing in a city garden and is endorsed by the Environmental Change Institute, part of Oxford University. The breathtaking space will showcase a host of sustainable features, including bio-diverse large trees, a water purifying wetland area, a green wall and permeable surfaces.

Using predominantly native planting, Andrew Duff's design features roughly 1000 perennial plants, under planting 18 mature trees provided by award-winning nursery, Majestic Trees. 30 square metres of woodland edge meadow turf will be interplanted with 10,000 bi-annual species, filling the remaining space. The colour scheme is predominantly a natural shade of green, with the introduction of soft whites and yellows to highlight key focal points. Meanwhile, acid yellow is used to represent sunlight, adding brightness to shady areas. Key plants featured will include *Carpinus betulus*, *Alnus*

glutinosa, Iris foetidissima, Smyrniolum olusatrum and Pilosella aurantiaca. As Managing Director of the Inchbald School of Design, Andrew is delighted to have recruited several of his students to help with the planting of the garden.



A key feature of the garden is a central pool of water which plays host to a sculptural installation, inspired by the surrounding woodland setting. From a shadow of 'leaves' which flutter on the surface of the water, soars a 3.5 metre shard that reaches high into the trees. Designed and created by David Harber, the sculptures are designed to play with light and create beautiful dappled patterns across the water.

This unique art work pays homage to the natural calm of its environment with its reflective, textured surface and defiant poise. It mimics and mirrors the trees surrounding it and draws the viewer's eye to the centre of this living, breathing space - reminding us of the essence and power of nature, a notion very close to the ethos of David's creations.

"I'm thrilled to have designed a bespoke sculpture for the 'Savills and David Harber Garden' that not only seeks to celebrate but improve the way we treat our surrounding environment, even in a city setting. The delicate beauty of nature has always been a key inspiration. Our piece supports the message of sustainability and mirrors the garden's ethos, providing respite and calm in an urban environment. The design symbolises the physical and visual link between the elements earth, air and water; reaching skywards and connecting symbolically. The fluttering "leaves" on the surface of the water references their purifying and filtering qualities providing an example of the energy that the sculpture portrays," says David Harber.

"We are very much looking forward to returning to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show this year as a show garden sponsor, alongside sculptor David Harber," says Richard Rees, Managing Director, Savills UK. He continues, "The ethos of Andrew Duff's design for the Savills and David Harber Show Garden is sustainability, something that is increasingly a focus for many of our property owner and developer clients. The garden will showcase how, in an urban environment, home owners and developers can include sustainable, environmentally-friendly features to create gardens and outside spaces that both add to the personal enjoyment of a home or community space and deliver wider environmental benefits."

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ABOUT SAVILLS

Savills is a global real estate services provider listed on the London Stock Exchange. Savills operates from over 600 owned and associate offices, employing more than 35,000 people in over 60 countries throughout the Americas, the UK, Europe, Asia Pacific, Africa and the Middle East, offering a broad range of specialist advisory, management and transactional services to clients all over the world. www.savills.co.uk or www.savills.com

ABOUT DAVID HARBER

David has been making contemporary and classical artworks from his Oxfordshire studio for over two decades and has gained an impressive worldwide following. Synonymous with elegance and simplicity, David Harber's designs playfully incorporate nature, reflection, light and water to create dramatic focal points in both exterior and interior settings. www.davidharber.com

ABOUT ANDREW DUFF

With over 20 years of experience, Andrew was educated at the University of Greenwich, where he achieved a BA (Hons) Degree in Garden Design. He went on to become Assistant Landscape Architect with The White Dutton Partnership and then joined John Brookes as his Associate Designer. He now works in his own practice, with commissions ranging from the transformation of a country estate in Devon, through to refurbishments to an estate in Connecticut, a property in Grenada and an estancia and polo stud on the outskirts of Buenos Aires. As the Managing Director at the world-renowned Inchbald School of Design, Andrew also lectures internationally. www.andrewduffgardendesign.com

