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OPEN FORUM

New York-based architecture practice Ballman Khapalova – working in collaboration with the American artist Kristin Jones – has submitted a concept proposal for a new, split-level design for Piazza Tevere, which straddles a perfectly rectangular section of the River Tiber in Rome. At street level, a series of gardens with contemporary water features that evoke the tradition of Rome's courtyard gardens will extend to a ledge, which will project over a riverside promenade. On the lower level, covered areas will provide spaces for seating, bocce courts and arts performances, while wall climbing facilities will join contemporary artworks on the embankment walls. ballkhap.com



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① SOUTHWARK ALMSHOUSES

A productive roof garden and communal gardens framed by mixed evergreens will provide the green spaces for a proposed new almshouse community in south London. The new, sustainable development will create 62 new one-bedroom flats for Southwark Charities' Blackfriars site, which has been the site of an almshouse since the 18th century. Double-height terraces on alternate floors will overlook the gardens as will a shared residents' lounge. The development will also include flexible office space, which will help to pay for the new homes. southwarkcharities.co.uk

② BALI AWARDS

London-based designer Jilayne Rickards has won awards in two categories at this year's British Association of Landscape Industries National Landscape Awards. Her design for a small garden in London, The Urban Retreat (shown), where most of the materials used were recycled or re-used from the existing site, won the Design Excellence Award for a scheme under £50,000 and the Registered Designer & Registered Contractor Joint Submission Award. A virtual awards event will be held on 4 December when the Principal, Special and Grand Award will be announced. baliwards.co.uk

③ NEW DESIGN SHOW

Planted, a contemporary design show that will feature products, such as the Horticus living wall shown, from companies with sustainability at their core, is due to launch next May. Planted took part in this year's London Design Festival hosting a three-part series of panel discussions on themes of sustainability, carbon capture, and repair and recycling. You can view these discussions, along with a series of one-to-one interviews with designers including Dan Pearson and Oliver Heath, on the Planted website, where you'll also find details of the companies already confirmed to take part in Planted 2021. planted-cities.co.uk

④ GREENSCAPE FOR SERVICE STATION

A service station on the M1 near Leeds has been welcomed as part of a green corridor that links Temple Newsam House to Rothwell Country Park. As well as a green roof that covers the undulating main building, Skelton Lakes Service Station also includes an RSPB Visitor Centre and viewing deck that offers views across the bird life-rich Skelton Lake and surrounding countryside. New landscaping by Brambledown Landscapes includes more than 400 trees and hundreds of herbaceous perennials. New trails and improved pathways provide better access into the 30-acre site. brambledown.com

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⑤ HOTOHOUSE PAVILION

Pomegranates, mangoes and avocados fill the planters inside an arched greenhouse in Stratford, east London, as part of this year's London Design Festival. Built by architects Studio Weave to highlight the dangers of rising temperatures due to climate change, The Hothouse features edible plants that could be grown outdoors in London in the next 30 years. Its shell is made of transparent, recyclable plastic that allows passersby to see the plants clearly. The planting, which fills a series of galvanised steel planters, was designed by Tom Massey. londondesignfestival.com

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⑥ GREENFINGERS GARDEN

Designer Thomas Hoblyn has designed a woodland garden for the Greenfingers-supported Haven House Children's Hospice in Essex. Haven House is on the edge of Epping Forest and Hoblyn's Garden of Reflection makes the woodland adjoining the existing garden accessible. Long boardwalks create pathways through the trees to secluded spots and larger areas where groups can gather. An understorey planting of ferns and bulbs, and a stumpery, add seasonal interest. It is hoped the garden, funded by Clarins, will be completed by the spring. havenhouse.org.uk

⑦ CREATING A GREEN CITY CENTRE

Plans to create what will be the largest, new city centre green space in the UK have been approved by Leeds City Council. Aire Park will transform the redeveloped South Bank district with a series of connected open spaces, including a sensory garden, a wet woodland area, a grassed amphitheatre and a Cherry Walk. The iconic Tetley Building and the Grade II-listed Salem Chapel will frame the Tetley Triangle, a public events space for concerts, markets and outdoor cinema. Leeds City Council will manage the park on a 250-year lease from developers Vastint UK. airepark.co.uk

⑧ NEW SGD AWARDS

The Society of Garden Design has announced two new awards for 2021. The Design with Time in Mind Award recognises gardens that have stood the test of time, while the Design for the Environment Award, which is open to the public to enter, is for a garden or landscape where the design focus is on environmental contribution and sustainability. "We want to encourage anyone who has created a sustainable, wildlife-friendly habitat that demonstrates the great reward gardening can give to nature and the environment, to enter this award," said Lynne Marcus, chair of the SGD. sgd.org.uk

INTERNATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL

Five designs were selected from 200 entries for the 2020 edition of the International Garden Festival at Les Jardins de Métis/Reford Gardens in Quebec, Canada. Among the installations on the theme of métissages (mixed or cross breeding) was *Forêt Corallienne* (right), a hybrid world of limestone coral forms embedded in the natural forest, designed by Lucie Bulot and Dylan Collins, and *Corps de Résonance* (below), which is both an acoustic and visual installation by a multidisciplinary team from Montreal. The musical folly consists of a serpentine arrangement of pipes that vibrate and mix with the sounds of the forest. internationalgardenfestival.com



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