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## **Leading ceramic sculptor to help create urban oasis at Chelsea Flower Show**

**Chelsea Flower Show 2008**

Gardening within a city will always present challenges. For this year's Chelsea Flower Show Paul Hensey has created a realistic miniature urban garden that meets these challenges head on.

Designed by Paul Hensey with Knoll Gardens' Neil Lucas, the Pemberton Greenish Recess Garden has been deliberately created as an urban oasis, a place of rest and relaxation away from the pace and noise of city life.

In addition to literally recessing the garden into the ground, both steel and wood have been used to create highly architectural boundaries. With more than a nod to Frank Lloyd Wright, they also play an important role in noise reduction. The introduction of a remarkable water feature then creates an aural focal point tumbling down steps from the ground to the new, recessed, inner garden.

### **Internationally renowned sculptor**

Unusually for a small Chelsea garden this water feature has not been reduced in scale, but is both a dominant and integral component of the design. It is the work of leading ceramic sculptor and course leader in Industrial Ceramics at the University of Central Lancaster, David Binns.

"I last worked with David at Tatton Park," said Paul Hensey. "He created a wonderful sculpture for my 'Green on Concrete' garden in 2005, which took a Gold Medal and Best in Show. We seem to have a natural affinity, bringing new aspects to our work. My work comes originally from a background in product design. David takes the ideas and technology of the craft world and translates them into industrial applications and productions. His work is clean and minimal and will perfectly compliment the simplicity of the garden's structural elements.

"For this garden I have chosen to retain his work at a large scale. This creates a space allowing the specimen plants to come into view, whilst its melodious background noise enhances the sense of separateness created within the garden. David's work is now exhibited internationally and it is wonderful to be able to feature it in my first Chelsea garden."

### **Old bottle tops create night-time glory**

Whilst the water feature will look spectacular during the day it is at night that it will really come alive. David has incorporated old bottle tops within the grain of the glass. When lit from below the colours mix and dance bringing a beautiful,

subtle glow to the whole garden.

“I strive to produce work which conveys a sense of quietness and apparent simplicity,” said David. With superb planting and stunning architectural features what more could anyone ask for in an urban garden?

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**Photo caption:**

David Binns with Alasdair Bremner, casting the master silicon mould.

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Overview of the Pemberton Greenish Recess Garden

**Notes to Editors:**

The design brief for the water feature was to produce a series of semi-translucent, textured ‘slabs’ which could be illuminated from below, to echo the garden’s design. The slabs have been made entirely from sustainable sources of recycled waste glass cullet.

**When visiting Chelsea Flower Show** the Pemberton Greenish Recess Garden will be found on the corner of Royal Hospital Way, at RHW049.

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