

off the fence.

21st Century Garden Art (Series 1)

6 x 30'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. The Green World of Fernando Caruncho

Fernando Caruncho's body of work is firmly rooted in the philosophies of antiquity. Though his gardens create visually poetic landscapes, they also clearly portray their contemporary context. The stunningly beautiful and austere Iberian Peninsula sets the tone and emotional basis for Caruncho's poetic work, whose play of light and shade, often across reflective pools, is magical in effect.

2. Garden and Places of West 8

Adriaan Geuze and his team West 8, working in Europe's most densely populated country, seek in their urban landscape planning to reconcile modern, mass culture to the Netherlands' natural environment. And, despite the daunting scope of this task, they approach their planning work with a charming trace of irony and humour.

3. The Eden Project of Tim Smit

England's Tim Smit became a garden designer more by accident than design. That occurred when he discovered the Lost Gardens of Heligan – a Victorian estate which, like Sleeping Beauty's castle, had slumbered forgotten in Cornwall for more than 60 years. Smit has earned international recognition as a leader in 21st century garden art.

4. Atelier Alias – Mobile Gardens

The Leipzig, Germany based team Atelier Alias is dedicated to gardening in its largest communal and municipal senses. Comprised of Bertram Weisshaar, Katja Heinecke and Reinhard Krehl, each a graduate in landscape design, Atelier Alias is dedicated to exploring new means of perceiving landscapes and municipal land use.

5. The Planthunter Patrick Blanc

Patrick Blanc was an internationally celebrated tropical botanist long before his plant walls came on the scene. Faced with an increasingly ugly, green free, cement jungle, Blanc's research led him to discover that plants could survive and even thrive in the absence of soil. His development of

vertical gardens and the technology that enables their creation has engendered a true revolution in traditional gardening.

6. The Healing Gardens of Topher Delaney

Topher Delaney of San Francisco exploits the excellent conditions of California's climate to create highly individualised private gardens. In designing her spiritual gardens, Delaney draws upon her experiences with Zen Buddhism, pursuing an integrative process far exceeding the demands of classic horticulture.