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Rising stars

AN EYE FOR DESIGN

New Zealand's finest entered this year's Ellerslie Flower Show but who shone? **Bayley LuuTomes** from Wellington won the Emerging Designs – Student of the Year competition with his design for a rooftop garden

BAYLEY LUUTOMES gave up his career in the advertising industry to pursue landscape design and is now in the final year of a two-year horticulture course at the Wellington Open Polytechnic.

"My passion for gardening has been grafted with my eye for design," says Bayley, who set up his own company, BLT Designs, in October last year. He enlisted international lighting designer Kevin Cawley to help him come up with the ultimate lighting design to illuminate his rooftop garden for people who love to entertain at twilight. Called 'Living Art' the multifunction garden features a glass bridge, coloured glass pergola and moving mirror image from Metro Glasstech, an outdoor TV from h2Otv, and new plant releases from Gardening Solutionz. The construction was by Mark Hattrill and his team from H&H Builders Ltd.

Designed so that people can entertain in many different ways, the garden easily transforms into several different layouts and was inspired by the works of painter Pieter Mondrian.

"The design is based on simple harmonies, straight lines, right angles and primary colours," says Bayley. There has been a growing interest in landscape design in New Zealand.

Over the past couple of years sustainability has been popular with families and smaller gardens.

"Depending on what part of New Zealand you are working from you will find many challenging conditions to work with. If you're in Auckland the soil there is mainly volcanic and it's humid compared to the coastal areas



RIGHT Bayley LuuTomes from Wellington, winner of the Emerging Designs – Student of the Year competition at New Zealand's Ellerslie Flower Show, with his winning garden featuring lots of colourful graphic ideas



where the climate can be windy and dry – or wet at times."

The Emerging Designs – Student of the Year competition is open to all students of landscape, design and horticulture and provides an opportunity for them to demonstrate their design flare. In recent years the competition has been a career launch pad for many young designers.

"The Ellerslie International Flower Show has opened my eyes and many doors beyond my New Zealand

backyard. I had the pleasure of meeting Tom Harfleet and Andrew Fisher-Tomlin – the internet has brought the world's garden closer!"

Bayley has been invited to help Tom Harfleet with his Chelsea garden this year. "I am looking forward to experiencing what it's like to show at Chelsea. I would love to show off some of my own creations. Who knows – you may see me exhibit at Chelsea next year!"

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