



Charlotte Harris

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Women form the majority of garden design students, but horticulture's glass ceiling remains firmly in place at RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Male designers still outnumber women designers on the show gardens and have done for the past decade. Charlotte Harris, however, scooped gold on her first-ever Chelsea garden in 2017, and landed Best in Show last year with her studio partner Hugo Bugg. Beyond the gongs, Harris has consistently designed inclusive gardens: her 2020 M&G Garden reflected on the need for green spaces in urban areas, and her 2023 Horatio's Garden was the first in Chelsea's history to be wheelchair-accessible. *The RHS Chelsea Flower Show runs from 21-25 May 2024. Harris Bugg's Chelsea 2023 garden is being relocated and enlarged to form the heart of Horatio's Garden Sheffield and East at the Princess Royal Spinal Cord Injuries Centre in Sheffield (horatiosgarden.org.uk; harrisbugg.com).* ▶