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Press Release

Simply Italian Garden 'Ocean to A Garden' designed by Paul Cooper Chelsea Flower Show May 20-24 2008

For five days in May, The Royal Horticultural Society organises the world's largest Flower Show in Chelsea with some 20 designers from across the globe invited to create inspirational Show Gardens to match the splendour and spectacle of this event. This year, Simply Italian has been invited to join the Show with a large Italianate garden designed by Paul Cooper, who has won Gold Medals and other awards at this show in previous years.

Our Show Garden, which is reminiscent of ancient Roman temples or forums, will be laid out like an enclosed out-door space with floor, walls and colonnades in granite, against a backdrop of a Tuscan landscape. The colonnades serve as planters for Mediterranean plants and the vertical surfaces are infused with water, rippling over smooth, ribbed or textured granite surfaces. The water pools around each column, leaving the remaining areas dry inviting you to walk between the columns.

The Garden has been named 'Ocean to A Garden' because it uses Italian stone, which could have been the floor of the oceans billions of years ago, raised to the surface through eruptions to form the mountains and rocks, now been made into an unconventional architectural Garden.

'Ocean to A Garden' can be used as an outside or an inside room. As it is modular, it can easily be configured for an area with different dimensions and planting schemes, or erected in a hot climate where the refreshing water would cool and purify the air.

To find out more about Paul Cooper's designs, visit www.paulcooperdesign.co.uk

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