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**Radical Nature**  
**Art and Architecture for a Changing Planet 1969-2009**

Barbican Art Gallery London

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**Indoor Garden Design** brings to life environmental art by key artists and architects in an ambitious new exhibition at the Barbican Art Gallery this summer.

'Radical Nature – Art and Architecture for a Changing Planet 1969-2009' draws on ideas that have emerged from Land Art, environmental activism, experimental architecture and utopianism. The exhibition brings together key artists and architects from the last 40 years who have created extraordinary visionary works and inspiring solutions for our ever-changing planet.

Indoor Garden Design, Europe's leading independent interior landscape architects, have used their vision and their plant creativity to imbue life into the exhibits including:

- *Full Farm* (1972) by Newton Harrison and Helen Mayer Harrison – fruit and vegetables in a farm inside the gallery space. It is a displacement of nature and brings the outside inside
- *Fallen Forest* (2006), by Henrik Håkansson, which comprises a large section of lush forest flipped on its side to grow horizontally
- *Green Room* (2009), by architectural collective A12, is a simple wooden structure that when entered reveals an exquisite miniature garden, inspired by the traditional landscaped gardens of British stately homes

Indoor Garden Design have also reinterpreted the specially commissioned off-site installation in East London of Agnes Denes' *Wheatfield – A Confrontation* (1982), originally involving the planting of a field of wheat in downtown Manhattan, here transposed to Dalston.

Ian Drummond, Indoor Garden's Creative Director, says "I am delighted to bring to life some of the most important environment art works of the last 40 years. Marrying art with planting is what we do best and this is one of the most exciting installations that we have been involved with".

For further information on Indoor Garden Design or to request an interview with Ian, please contact Jean Egbunike: +44 7887 506866, [jean@egbunike.com](mailto:jean@egbunike.com).

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## **About Indoor Garden Design:**

Indoor Garden Design (IGD) is one of the largest independent interior landscape designers in Europe, widely recognised as the UK's leading commercial provider of tropical plants. They appeared at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show for the first time in 2009 and their joint collaboration with James Wong on the Canary Islands Spa show garden was awarded a silver medal.

Founded by owner Ed Wolf in 1975, IGD has more than 450 clients. IGD also supplies design consultancy, exterior landscaping, atrium installation, Christmas and floristry displays, and undertakes events such as film premieres, fashion shows, celebrity parties and charity functions, including the forthcoming Elton John Aids Foundation White Tie and Tiara Ball.

IGD is a member of the Green Building Council, the British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI), the European Federation of Interior Landscape Growers (eFIG) and achieved Green Mark accreditation for its commitment to the environment. IGD has won many awards in recent years for design, installation and maintenance. Ed Wolf is an Honorary Fellow of the Kew Guild, and was recently honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award for services to the industry by eFIG, where the company also picked up an additional 5 accolades in recognition of work carried out in 2008. [www.indoorgardendesign.co.uk](http://www.indoorgardendesign.co.uk).