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German Designer Beats Floral Masters from 16 Other Countries to Emerge as “Grand Champion” of Floral Windows to the World Championship at Singapore Garden Festival 2026



Anja Ersing from Germany emerged as the Grand Champion after completing six floral design challenges, demonstrating exceptional skill and creativity.

Singapore, 6 July 2026 - Anja Ersing from Germany was crowned the Grand Champion at the Floral Windows to the World Championship (FWWC), a signature competition of the Singapore Garden Festival (SGF) that pits international floral masters against one another in a live competition.

Over three days from 4 to 6 July, 17 world-class competitors, including a Singaporean designer, went head-to-head across six elimination rounds, completing a series of live, on-site tasks at Gardens by the Bay that tested their creativity and technical skills under pressure.

The themes of the first three tasks were “Dream Portal”, “Floral Magic” and “Carousel of Patterns”. The final three tasks were surprise packages, “Where the Rain Rests”, “A Thousand Faces” and “Xtravaganza”, challenging the finalists’ versatility and adaptability.

At the final day of competition held earlier this evening, the top five finalists competed live on stage, crafting their masterpieces at a ticketed dinner gala, as they vied for the Grand Champion title. The awards were given out by Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Education and National Development Dr Syed Harun.



Results:

Grand Champion	Anja Ersing <i>Germany</i>
First Runner-Up	Matthew Landers <i>Australia</i>
Second Runner-Up	Marek Jakobi <i>Estonia</i>
Finalist	Geertje Stienstra <i>Netherlands</i>
Finalist	Joanna Kiedacz <i>Poland</i>

Alison Bradley, Director and Co-Founder of Floral Fundamentals, Head Judge for FWWC, shared, “It’s been a privilege to witness the calibre of work produced throughout this year’s Championship. What makes FWWC so compelling is that it tests far more than an eye for beauty as it demands strong technique, clear ideas, confident decision-making, and the composure to deliver under intense time pressure, all in front of a live audience. The standard this year was exceptionally high, and our expanded judging panel looked closely at both artistry and discipline in every round, from design intent and construction, to how competitors adapted to the brief. Congratulations to Anja for a well-deserved Grand Champion title, and to all the designers for an outstanding showcase of creativity and floral artistry.”

Dennis Lim, Coordinating Director, Festivals, Events and Exhibitions at NParks, said, “Since the inaugural Singapore Garden Festival in 2006, Floral Windows to the World has been a signature highlight, celebrating the artistry and imagination of outstanding floral designers from Singapore and around the world. This year, it was especially exciting to see the Championship unfold live at Gardens by the Bay, with 17 international floral masters going head-to-head across six rounds to create striking works from the ground up, under time pressure and in full view of the crowd. The energy and creativity in this Championship built steadily from the opening task to this morning’s semi-finals, and peaked at the Finals dinner where the top finalists competed on stage for the Grand Champion title. We congratulate Anja on the win, and thank everyone who participated in this year’s Championship.”

The FWWC displays will be showcased at Singapore Garden Festival 2026 until 12 July 2026. Visitors can purchase tickets to SGF 2026 via <https://sgf.nparks.gov.sg/tickets/>.

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About Singapore Garden Festival

The Singapore Garden Festival (SGF) is a biennial event, positioned to be amongst the top flower and garden shows on the international calendar. SGF is the first show to bring together top international award-winning landscape and garden designers, florists and horticulturists from around the world who are invited to the Festival to work alongside Singapore's own talented horticulturists.

Singapore's strategic location makes the Festival an ideal platform to showcase horticultural products and services from various regions.

For more information on SGF, visit sgf.nparks.gov.sg, www.facebook.com/SGGardenFest and <https://www.instagram.com/sggardenfest/>

About National Parks Board (NParks)

The National Parks Board (NParks) is Singapore's lead agency for greenery, biodiversity conservation, and wildlife and animal health, welfare, and management.

NParks manages parks, nature reserves, the Singapore Botanic Gardens, Pulau Ubin and Sisters' Islands Marine Park, as well as the island-wide network of Nature Ways and Park Connectors. We also manage millions of trees across roads, parks and state land.

Our urban biodiversity conservation model guides efforts to protect key ecosystems and strengthen biodiversity in our land-scarce city. The Animal & Veterinary Service (AVS), a cluster within NParks, is the main touchpoint for animal-related issues and works to uphold high standards of animal health and welfare in Singapore.

We work closely with the community and partners across the landscape, horticulture, veterinary and animal sectors to enhance our living environment, build industry capabilities, and achieve Singapore's City in Nature vision.

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About Gardens by the Bay

An integral part of Singapore's "City in Nature" vision, Gardens by the Bay is a national garden and premier horticultural attraction that showcases the best of garden and floral artistry for all to enjoy. Spanning 101 hectares in the heart of Singapore's downtown Marina Bay, it comprises three waterfront gardens – Bay South, Bay East, and Bay Central. Bay South, the largest at 54 hectares, officially opened on 29 June 2012.

Guided by the vision to be a world of gardens for all to own, enjoy and cherish, the Gardens' extensive plant collection, ever-changing floral displays, and myriad of engaging programmes have captured the imagination of many, while its Gift of Gardens community initiative, with Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of the Republic of Singapore as Patron, reaches out to people from all walks of life.

Since opening, Gardens by the Bay has welcomed more than 115 million visitors and garnered numerous international accolades including the eighth top attraction in the world in Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards Best of the Best 2024, Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability at the Singapore Tourism Awards 2024, Best Theme Attraction at TTG Travel Awards 2022 and 2023, and Best Attraction Experience at the Singapore Tourism Awards 2019. The Gardens continues to refresh and refine its offerings, to be a place that everyone can enjoy – a garden where wonder blooms.

For more information, visit www.gardensbythebay.com.sg