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# GARDEN STATE

Grass-covered catwalks, gigs in the forest and cocktails gone wild – it's time to enjoy the great outdoors



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Fash pack, fash pack, oh-so contrary SS15 fash pack; how does your garden grow? If you're **Dries Van Noten**, like a forest from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; if you're surreal NY sartorial whiz **Thom Browne**, on the other hand, like an *Alice in Wonderland* mad hatter's tea party. And if you're **Marni**? You open a pop-up flower market in the heart of Milano during fashion week, of course, because that's how fabulous roots and bulbs are this season, darling.

Move over Alan Titchmarsh and the **Chelsea Flower Show** (19–23 May)

– although we kind of love that Prince Harry (well, his charity) will be entering – and meet your new green-fingered muse, Kate Winslet. Yep, the actress will play a kick-ass landscape gardener in 17th century Versailles when Alan Rickman's **A Little Chaos** finally opens in cinemas on 17 April.

Digging for victory? Get in spo at **GROW London**, Hampstead Heath's urban-cool garden fair (19–21 June). Think you're more of a wallflower? Book tickets for the ten-year anniversary revival of the groundbreaking **An Oak**

**Tree** at London's National Theatre (from 23 June), or check out the new season at **Regent's Park Open Air Theatre**. Probably the only time it'll be acceptable to watch **Peter Pan** (from 15 May), and you know it.

**Secret Garden Party** animal? The (disco) queen of the festival returns to Cambridgeshire on 23 July, but until then there's always the good ol' **Hay Festival** in Wales (22 May). And we can't wait for the **Forest Live** gigs popping up all over the UK in June and July. **Tom Odell** is definitely worth those grass stains.

Gardener by day, rooftop bar mixologist by night; we're going to take a leaf out of Lottie Muir's new book on beverages, **Wild Cocktails** (£16.99, Cico Books), to rustle up some potent plant-power concoctions. It's all about bark-infused cocktails at **Rabbit** in Chelsea and **The Shed** in Notting Hill, and dinner on the botanical terrace at new Spitalfields hot spot **Blixen**. Or, if you're feeling really brave, check out **Sky Garden** – the highest public garden in London. But. Don't. Look. Down.



Dream fields at Dries Van Noten



Flowers with power: a hibiscus and blackcurrant leaf mojito from Wild Cocktails



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Kate Winslet gets green fingers in A Little Chaos



Swing by Garden this season Secret Garden Party

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