

Having already won a host of industry awards during his career, Jonathan Paul is usually quite relaxed, as he awaits the winning announcement, but this year at the *Designer Awards* he felt decidedly different.

Jonathan explains:

'It is a national award which no one in the North of England has ever won. It's the one we all aspire to win. This year the project I submitted was something else, with a number of features which elevated it to a different level - both figuratively and literally. I was quietly confident, but as the minutes ticked by I wondered, had I done enough? After all, only those working at the height of our profession can enter this competition where the kitchen's value is at least £25,000. I was up against the elite, with around seven out of ten entries from practising architects. The other entrants being drawn from amongst the best interior and kitchen designers in the business.

As for the judges - all professionals for whom I have the utmost respect, each with a formidable reputation, including George Clarke of Channel 4's 'The Home Show' plus Graeme Kynman - an architect and senior tutor at the Bathroom & Kitchen Academy. The calibre of the decision makers could not have been higher.

The event took place at the historic Lord's Cricket Ground, in London. The atmosphere on the day was electric. At last, it was time for the winner to be announced. The hall fell silent, time stopped as my heart beat faster. I will never forget the sense of emotion as I heard my name - elation is too small a word. Satisfaction, pride, joy, a sense of achievement all washed over me as I realised that I, together with my amazing team at One Way Kitchens, had won the most important kitchen design award in the UK. It was pure euphoria.'

Jonathan's award winning kitchen is

pictured here. His ergonomic design balances function and form, perfectly. Key note features include:

- Walls removed to create larger space
- Folding window structures for more natural light
- Floating areas to raise appliances, wet area & TV
- Elevated main island
- Bespoke cantilevered breakfast bar
- High quality man-made and natural materials

To see more of this year's winning design plus many other outstanding contemporary and traditional kitchens, go to:

www.onewaykitchens.co.uk where you can also check opening times.

All those travelling from outside the North West of England plus anyone wishing to discuss their ideas with Jonathan are advised to call 01704 544622 first, to arrange a personal appointment.









Winner Kitchen Design of the Year 2009

The judges were particularly impressed with the holistic nature of the design, which involved the total reconfiguration of the existing space to create a kitchen that exceeded the client's expectations and led to a stunning finished project.

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