



“Strijp-S is a central theme in my life. A centre of my inspiration. I went to and go to festivals there. I worked at Baltan Laboratories, in the Glasegebouw and later in the Natlab. These days I climb at Monk and am a Rararadio DJ.”

The Trudo Vertical Forest welcomes its first tenants this month. Who are the residents of this vertical city forest? And what energy and inspiration will they be introducing to Strijp-S?

If you live somewhere: create a good vibe

Centre for inspiration

As a child, I was always fascinated by Strijp-S. The magic of the perimeter fence: you weren't allowed in. And the sound of concrete as she was driven over the Strijp Bump, on the backseat of her parents' little Polo. That Angela de Weijer (34), born and raised in Woensel, is now one of the Trudo Vertical Forest pioneers: she thinks that's kind of special.

City composer

Thanks to the composer Dick Raaijmakers, who was a pioneer of electronic pop music based in Strijp-S, Angela eventually - after trying different things - opted for music. For a course at Tilburg school of arts, and for a Master of Music at the conservatoire in the Hague.

She now works as a composer and sound artist under the name Miss Milivolt. For production house Intro In Situ, but also - are you listening - city composer for Meierijstad. She is composing a very special piece of music for them at the moment.

“In minor and major: what does Meierijstad sound like? Composed on the piano, for all church organs in the area. The 20-minute piece will be played simultaneously on 8 to 10 organs in the coming autumn.”

Watertight

Until recently she was living with her sister. When she found a partner, she thought it high time to look for her own place. Impossible, of course, if you have not registered long in advance. But when she got wind of the Trudo Vertical Forest, she mustered up her courage. Wrote down her motivation that she says herself was 'watertight'.

“I'm normally not such a tower person. But I was immediately smitten with the green façade of the Trudo Vertical Forest. Underfloor heating, good insulation: that appeals to me. I really wanted a corner and I got one too. On the 12th floor, looking out at the Klokgebouw.”

Goodies

That she is expected to do something in return for this pad: sure, no problem, love it! If you live somewhere, you make it a good place together. Create a good vibe. In the meantime, the brand-new tower mates have formed work groups and are preparing welcome kits full of tips and goodies from companies in Strijp-S.



“Perhaps the tower will inspire a piece of music one day, you never know. For DDW I made a sound tour especially for Strijp-S : the Cosmic Travel Kit.”

But first she needs to lay her own floor, then decorate, organise the basics, comb the junk shops for bits and pieces and of course make things herself. She gets her key at the end of September.