
Forever in Stone

2008

The site-specific artwork 'Forever in Stone' by Martijn Sandberg, is an integral part of the architecture of the Olympic Quarter, the northern part of the Olympic Stadium district in Amsterdam Old South. Steel clinkers form the pixels of a typographic pattern in the brickwork of the planters, meandering along the plinths of the housing blocks throughout the district. The sizing of the flower tubs, laid horizontally in half-brick masonry, is the point of departure for Sandberg's score. This determines the rhythms of the script, enclosing the entire neighbourhood like a banderole. The artist allows the stones to speak. Those who listen, hear the endless song that is written in stone: 'Stoned Forever', 'Forever Stoned', 'Stoned Again' and 'Again'.

Title: 'Forever in Stone'

Artist: Martijn Sandberg

Location: Olympisch Kwartier (Olympic Quarter), Amsterdam/ NL

Material: steel clinkers, bricks

Measurements: brickwork gable garden flower tubs (l x h) 1015m x 0.9m

Concept and design: 2001

Built: 2004-2008

Completion: 2008

Commissioned by: Amsterdams Fonds voor de Kunst, Stadsdeel Amsterdam Oud Zuid

Architects: Lafour & Wijk, Rudy Uytenhaak, Mulleners + Mulleners