



August 4, 2011 | Jennifer Gould Keil

Submarine-inspired apartment makes waves on open market

The trippiest apartment in New York is now on the market – and it can be yours for only \$1.75 million. Not everyone is rich or creative enough to live in a yellow submarine. But 32-year-old screenwriter Jeremy Noritz created a retro-futurist submarine fantasy world – all within the confines of a two bedroom, two bathroom co-op in Chelsea on West 29th Street.

"It's Jules Verne meets Tim Burton," said his broker, Parul Brahmbhatt, of Core. The apartment, which was listed Tuesday, is already garnering attention. Brahmbhatt believes it will spark the interest of Steam Punks, retro-futurists inspired by author William Gibson, who imagined a world run by 19th century computers.

Big in the 1980s and 90s, the Steam Punk movement petered out, but is experiencing a resurgence, Brahmbhatt said.

The apartment comes with a submarine style door and a giant Technicolor zeppelin that dangles from the ceiling – disseminating white light during the day and rainbow light at night, while Noritz was entertaining, he said.

The screenwriter spoke to the Post by phone from Georgia. He is selling the apartment that he loves, he said, because he is going on a personal journey while exploring states like California and Oregon while driving an RV – with his two cats as his companions.

He plans to do some camping and explore some national parks while working on personal projects, like "dark comedies."

Noritz once worked as a welder, creating large sculptures, and that was the inspiration for his apartment – which is filled with antique wrenches and pipes that he hand picked and are now coming out of the walls and hanging from the ceiling. "I tried to create a workshop where I could live and work," Noritz said. "The space plays with your expectations. I now have the opportunity to do some travelling and see some other places, and see if other people would want to live here." Noritz bought the apartment for \$1.3 million in 2007.