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David LaChapelle's 'Magic' Touch Helps Co-op Sell for \$2.46M



One would expect a somewhat...avant-garde abode when picturing the home of a photographer often associated with surrealism.

The co-op that photographer David LaChapelle just sold, however, is rather picturesque. Mr. LaChapelle lived in the one-bedroom, one-bathroom co-op for the past four years, before listing it in July.

After establishing himself as a photographer, Mr. LaChapelle decided he was over the art scene in 2006 and moved to a "forest" in Hawaii, but

he went pretty much back to where he started and returning to the city and eventually making his way to this co-op.

Could it be that he's going back to his Hawaii forest?

It could! "From my understanding, it wasn't getting used enough," CORE broker Heather McDonough, who shared the listing with Henry Hershkowitz, told the Observer. "He's based more in LA and Hawaii now."

Located on the first floor of a West Chelsea townhouse, the unit also has a private terrace, floor-to-ceiling bay windows, stained oak floors, and French doors.

The 12-foot ceilings, hand-carved molding, and three fireplaces must have really spoken quite literally to the new owner, Chloe Frances Squires, who purchased the parlor-level unit for exactly the \$2.46 million it was asking.

"He really knows how to highlight the attributes of the home [and] that makes people really fall in love with it," Ms. McDonough said.

"It was kind of his magic that touched the home," Ms. McDonough continued. "He goes in, and he really knows how to make a place feel magical."

Indeed.