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## **David LaChapelle's Very Literal Apartment Trade: \$1.68 M**



Warhol protégée David LaChapelle has officially sold his New York digs. The artist's Lower East Side pied-à-terre at 170 Second Avenue has traded after at least two years on the market to an unnamed buyer for \$1.68 million, according to city records.

The 1,350-square-foot apartment has two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Newly renovated by Mr. La Chapelle, it also features dark wood floors and crystal doorknobs.

Famed for his surrealist portraiture, Mr. LaChapelle has worked with a host of celebrities and currently has an exhibition, "From Darkness to Light," at Aby Rosen's Lever House.

According to a 2009 property listing by Jason Walker of Douglas Elliman, the apartment is a "CELEBRITY lair was beautifully restored to accentuate breathtaking VIEWS (including the Empire State Building and the Chrysler Building) and classic pre-war CHARM" [emphasis credited to the enthusiastic Mr. Walker].