

Davis & Davis

The Brown Suit Chronicles



February 16 – March 23, 2013
Artist's reception: Saturday, February 16, 6 – 9 pm,

L2kontemporary is very pleased to present the second solo exhibition at the gallery from Los Angeles based artist duo Scott and Denise Davis

In their latest photo series, "The Brown Suit Chronicles," Davis & Davis depict the intra-office antics of a fictional, brown-clad, Wall Street tycoon, circa 1929. Using antique dolls and period sets, they chronicle their character's bumbling, psychopathic behavior in 22 small-scale, color photographs.

This series was inspired by and is dedicated to Scott's late father, Russ Davis, who railed at Wall Street greed in letters and poems. Scott's maternal grandfather, a stockbroker during the Wall Street Crash of 1929, once advised Russ never to invest in the stock market, because, he said, "The game is rigged."

If Diogenes with fabled lamp alit
Were to search for a really honest man
Would Congress have one that would fit –
Be he Democrat or Republican?
And if he looked on Wall Street,
Among the money changers there,
Could he find some who'd meet
The test of his revealing glare?
The chances are he'd fail again,
As once he had in Athen's square.
Man's frailties are as they were then –
A truly "honest man" is still quite rare!

"Diogenes" by Russ Davis