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News about the East Village of NYC

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Kissaki has closed on the Bowery



In other recent closings, Kissaki has shut down its Bowery outpost [after nearly five years in service](#).

However, 319 Bowery, between First Street and Second Street, won't be without more sushi for long.

Sozo Bowery, an omakase restaurant, received [administrative approval](#) from Community Board 3 last month for a liquor license here...



Kissaki was the first retail tenant for the former Amato Opera.

In January 2009, Anthony Amato, the company's 88-year-old founder, announced that he had sold the building that was home to the opera since 1964. [Amato Opera](#) staged its last performance in May 2009. (Earlier history: The four-story brick building was a cigar factory from 1899 to 1926.)

Steve Croman bought No. 319 in December 2008 for \$3.7 million. The retail space, [which initially asked \\$34,995 a month in rent](#), had been on and off the market since at least 2012.

No. 319 also features three luxury residences.

Croman, [a convicted felon](#), faces more foreclosures on the properties he owns around the city for reportedly (and allegedly) defaulting on millions in loans, per [Crain's](#). Foreclosure notices have

recently arrived on several of his EV buildings.

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Hmmmm, so croman still getting away with real estate crimes?

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