

# Croman's Amato Opera Building on the Bowery Welcomes 'Kissaki' Sushi Next Month

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The onetime **Amato Opera** (<https://www.boweryboogie.com/tag/amato-opera/>) on the Bowery – renovated and upscaled years ago – will get a high-end sushi restaurant called **Kissaki**.

Eater reported (<https://ny.eater.com/2019/12/4/20993269/kissaki-lower-east-side-sushi-nyc>) this week that former **Gaijin** chef-owner Mark Garcia is behind the 26-seat Omakase venture at 319 Bowery. The Omakase menu will cost \$160 for twelve pieces of Nigiri and four kaiseki-style plates.

Kissaki is planned for sometime in January.

Certainly a far cry from the former use of this space.

The 61-year-old opera house staged its final performance in May 2009 (<https://www.boweryboogie.com/2011/05/clearing-out-the-amato-opera-on-the-bowery/>), five months after notorious landlord (and ex-convict) Steve Croman bought the property for \$3.7 million.

As previously reported, Croman later converted 319 Bowery into a mixed-use dwelling befitting Bowery 2.0. Three glitzy, full-floor apartments, including penthouse digs. (Monthly rents range between \$8,995 and \$10,995.) And until now, the remodeled ground-level store sat vacant.

Indeed, the retail space had been on the market since at least 2012, asking ungodly amounts for rent (\$35,000 per month). A tipster at the time had surmised that the prior few interested parties may have been scared away (<https://www.boweryboogie.com/2014/01/derelict-haunted-amato-opera-house-scares-away-potential-retailers/>) more from its haunted nature than the rent itself.

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