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After Amato, Curtain Will Rise Once Again on the Bowery

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Beyond the **apparent facts** that it was sold for \$3.7M and that the theater will close in May? little is known about the details surrounding the deal for the Bowery's **Amato Opera**. Will the building, near 2nd Street, survive? It appears so! A broker who represented the buyer, megalandlord Steve Croman, told *The Real Deal* that Croman plans to **find another theater to occupy the ground floor** of the building, a surprising revelation given the fate of other recently sold scruffy Bowery properties. So, who gets to be the lucky troupe? Our suggestion, **Cirque du Soleil**, is rendered above. Why not? Everyone's favorite band of surrealist French Canadian clowns has tried, and failed, to get full-time theater space at **Pier 40** and that new **Related project** on West 42nd Street. Sure, the Amato space may be a bit cramped, but it would really bang home that whole death-of-the-Bowery meme.

- **Bowery buyer hopes to replace theater** [Real Deal]
- **Bowery's Amato Opera Sold for \$3.7M, Closing in May** [Curbed]