

Union Common Steakhouse Coming to Broadway and Division

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A design rendering of the planned Union Common steakhouse.

A fine-dining restaurant group out of Louisville, Ky., is opening a steakhouse in the Midtown lot that formerly housed the Great Escape comic book store, with former Nashville chef Bobby Benjamin at the helm.

Union Common will be a "125-seat social concept steakhouse," focusing on shared plates for group dining, restaurant company DC Management announced today.

The address, 1929 Broadway, includes the triangular lot where Broadway and Division split. It's next door to Two Boots Pizza, which also fills former Great Escape space. (It's a very restaurant-dense part of Midtown, close to Noshville, The Slider House and Soulshine Pizza, among others.)

DC Management is best-known for two popular Louisville restaurants: the French-inspired **La Coop: Bistro à Vins**, and Doc Crow's Southern Smokehouse. The team includes Steven and Michael Ton, master sommelier Brett Davis (**a frequent visitor to Nashville**) and attorney Chip Hamm, along with Benjamin.

Benjamin is a veteran chef who has done stints in several notable kitchens, including Nashville's Capitol Grille, where he worked under Sean Brock (later of Husk), and Flyte World Dining and Wine. (He was a memorable competitor in the first installment the *Scene's* Iron Fork event in 2008, and was known for **dazzling experiments in liquid nitrogen**.)

Later Benjamin left Nashville to work at the Oakroom at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville, then the two aforementioned DC Management restaurants.

Union Common will be "built around easy sharing and group dining allowing guests to customize a meal to their cravings," the company says.

