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Brooks, Doyle buy music venue

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Music industry veterans Kelly Brooks and Bob Doyle don't know what they are going to do with the Castle Door, a music venue/restaurant space near the Music Row Roundabout.

Last week, the business partners paid \$1.8 million to Jim Caden for the .58 acres and roughly 20,000-square-foot building on the property.

The site is located at 115 16th Ave. S. next to the nine-story Roundabout Plaza office/retail tower being developed by Eakin Partners. Roundabout Plaza will have a large parking garage that visitors to the new venue can access.

"We bought the property for the purpose of having an entertainment and dining facility," Brooks said. "As far as what form that will take, we're still in the process of deciding." Brooks said the partners could raze the current structure or renovate it.

Brooks and Doyle will team with veteran music venue specialist Pino Squillace on the project.

Doyle is owner of Major Bob Music and co-manager of Garth Brooks Management. Brooks previously worked with Garth Brooks Management. Squillace is the former partner and operator of Caffe Milano, a downtown live music staple which closed a few years ago.

Ira A. Blonder, managing partner of The Blonder Group, LLC, represented both parties in the transaction.

"This is an important site in the redevelopment of Demonbreun Street," Blonder said. "The area is now achieving an identity as a destination spot for live entertainment and dining."

Caden, who bought the Castle Door property in 1996, said the new owners have a "vision" that will complement the fast-

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changing area.

“This is more about what they plan to bring to the neighborhood than it is about selling real estate,” he said.

Caden, owner of Caden Holdings LLC, owns a number of properties near the Roundabout. Of that total, 11 spaces are leased and three await tenants.

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