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Irish Rep Buying Home

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After 12 years of leasing, the Irish Repertory Theater, dedicated to presenting works by Irish and Irish-American playwrights, is planning to buy the two floors it uses at 132 West 22nd Street, in Chelsea, said Patrick Kelsey, the managing director.

The theater's capital campaign has raised \$4.7 million of the \$5.5 million price from foundations, individual donors, city and state grants and the owner of the property itself. Theater officials are planning to sign closing papers with the owner, Time Equities, on Thursday.

As icing on the cake, Rocco Landesman, the president of Jujamcyn Theaters, announced yesterday that the 22nd Jujamcyn Award, which is worth \$100,000 and is given annually to a resident theater for development of creative talent, would be going to the Irish Rep.