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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009

# Cotton Room to open in downtown

Soon to be new: The owners of Triangle Catering Co. are planning to open a 11,000-square-foot venue plus a 2,000-square-foot kitchen in Golden Belt this summer.

The Cotton Room will host weddings, corporate gatherings and other events and galas.

## THE BUZZ

Michelle Aldred and husband, Dodd, the chef and proprietor, hope to open by October.

Over the summer, the space will be used for the American Dance Festival, with construction for new floors, lighting and other new fixtures expected to begin by July.

Although the Aldreds have much experience with event-planning and catering with Triangle Catering Co. in Raleigh, The Cotton Room will be their first venue. The Raleigh location is strictly warehouse space and commercial kitchen.

Michelle Aldred is a Durham native and said she always wanted to open a business in the Bull City.

"This is going to be our own full-service event venue, where people can come and we can plan everything for them," she said.

The Aldreds will be giving an exclusive preview to various guests and media next Tuesday.

For more information, e-mail [michelle@thecottonroomdurham.com](mailto:michelle@thecottonroomdurham.com) or call (919) 530-8380. The business has a basic Web site up at [www.thecottonroomdurham.com](http://www.thecottonroomdurham.com).

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