

## **Mansion on Forsyth Park Hires Accomplished Culinary Expert Michael Semancik as Executive Chef**

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**Nov. 19, 2009** - [PRLog](#) -- SAVANNAH, Ga. – The Mansion on Forsyth Park, a leading luxury hotel in Savannah, Ga., recently hired acclaimed culinary expert Michael Semancik as the property’s Executive Chef. In his new position, Semancik oversees all culinary operations at the AAA Four-Diamond hotel, including the award-winning 700 Drayton restaurant.

With more than 20 years of experience, Semancik’s resume is dense with achievement, experience and recommendations. Before joining the Mansion, he served as the Executive Chef and Food and Beverage Director at the elite Cliff House Resort and Spa in Ogunquit, Maine.

Prior to joining the Cliff House in 2006, Semancik served as the Executive Banquet Chef at the private Piedmont Driving Club in Atlanta. He also worked with as Executive Chef at Blue Ribbon Bakery in New York, at Rathbun’s Restaurant in Atlanta and Mike’s on the Avenue in New Orleans. A graduate of Georgia State University and the Delgado Culinary Arts program, also took a year to study art and design in New York City, making his dishes as artful as they are delicious.

“We’re delighted to welcome such a talented chef to our professional staff,” said Jeff McLaughlin, general manager at the Mansion on Forsyth Park. “Michael will delight our guests with fresh ingredients and regionally-inspired cuisine that stimulates the senses.”

While working in Maine, Semancik found inspiration in local farms and the waters of the Atlantic Ocean. He focused on fresh, local, sustainable ingredients and maintained close relationships with his vendors, from regional lobstermen to family farm cooperatives. These relationships satisfied Semancik’s key objective: to ensure the highest quality ingredients.

The Mansion on Forsyth Park has the distinction of being one of The Kessler Collection’s signature award-winning boutique hotels. The magnificently restored Victorian mansion serves as the epitome of Southern luxury, featuring celebrated cuisine, a lavish spa and unparalleled Kessler Collection service. The intimate yet opulent hotel also features 400 pieces of original artwork.

The Kessler Collection offers an outstanding portfolio of boutique Four- and Five-diamond properties located in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Colorado and New Mexico. Known for luxurious, art-inspired atmosphere and decor, each hotel is uniquely designed and focuses on providing the highest level of service and attention to detail. The boutique properties feature an emphasis on quality that is designed to entertain guests while making them feel comfortable and at home.

### **ABOUT THE MANSION ON FORSYTH PARK:**

The AAA Four-Diamond Mansion on Forsyth Park in Savannah, Georgia opened in April 2005 as a new hotel built adjacent to a renovated 1888 mansion. The original 18,000-square-foot Victorian-Romanesque building houses the gourmet 700 Drayton Restaurant with six private dining galleries, the hands-on 700 Kitchen Cooking School, Casimir’s Lounge and intimate Carriage Wine Cellar. The hotel features 126 captivating guest rooms and suites, full-service Poseidon Spa, 8,500 square feet of opulent meeting space, over 400 pieces of original artwork, three Bösendorfer pianos, a vintage ladies hat collection, Grand

Bohemian Gallery, chic Bösendorfer Lounge, Viennese Ballroom, outdoor pool, full-time concierge, 24-hour fitness center, business center and valet parking. For additional information, visit <http://www.mansiononforythpark.com> or call 912.238.5158.

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