Mansion on Forsyth Park Hires Craig Jeffress as Director of Food and Beverage

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Nov. 19, 2009 - <u>PRLog</u> -- SAVANNAH, Ga. – The Mansion on Forsyth Park, a leading luxury hotel in Savannah, Ga., recently hired Craig Jeffress as the director of Food and Beverage services for both Mansion on Forsyth Park and The Café at Forsyth Park, which is slated to open in early 2010.

In his new position, Jeffress is responsible for upholding the high culinary standards at both the hotel and the café. He is introducing new entrees, wine selections and signature cocktails to the menus as well as overseeing the day-to-day needs of each establishment.

With more than 23 years of experience in the hospitality industry, Jeffress brings a solid base of culinary knowledge and management experience to his new position. Before joining the Mansion, he served as an Operating Partner at Luma on Park restaurant in Winter Park, Fla., where he supervised a staff of 80. Over the years, he also served as General Manager at Murphy's Restaurant and Mick's Restaurant in Atlanta and as dining room manager at the Killer Creek Chophouse in Alpharetta, Ga.

"Craig brings a wealth of culinary and management experience to the Mansion," enthused Jeff McLaughlin, general manager of the Mansion on Forsyth Park. "We are thrilled to share his creativity, vision and expertise with Savannah visitors and locals alike."

The Mansion on Forsyth Park has the distinction of being one of The Kessler Collection's signature award-winning 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 more than 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 environments and chic decor, each hotel focuses on providing the highest level of service and attention to detail.

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.mansiononforsythpark.com or call 912.238.5158.

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