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The Filippi Family Brings Luxury and Sophistication to Block Island with Newly Renovated Hotel Manisses and Restaurant.

Historic Hotel Manisses and Restaurant to re-open on May 6, 2016 after 6 months of renovations.

New Shoreham, RI (May 5, 2016) – As co-owner and operator of the landmark oceanfront resort Ballard's, Steven Filippi noticed that Block Island visitors expected well-appointed and modern accommodations, despite the island's reputation for historic and "quaint" hotels. However, with only 6 guest rooms at Ballard's, which had undergone extensive renovations in 2012, Steven was not able to accommodate everyone looking for a more luxurious stay. In October 2015, Steven and his brothers, Paul and Blake Filippi, purchased the historic Hotel Manisses and began renovations immediately.

Hotel Manisses, a Victorian landmark originally built in 1870, was known as one of the best summer hotels in the East. Today, Hotel Manisses encompasses the same grandeur, but with all of the modern amenities sought after by Block Island visitors. "We designed an atmosphere that is sophisticated and elegant but also very inviting and calm. We chose timeless appointments and an updated color palette of mineral blue and gold that hints at vintage without feeling old-fashioned," said Lauren Filippi, Steven's wife and designer of the new hotel.

Hotel Manisses now features 17 boutique hotel rooms, all with private baths, flat screen televisions and air-conditioning. Some rooms feature private balconies. The hotel's spacious and tastefully decorated lobby and lobby bar provide guests with plenty of room to relax. The hotel features fine dining on premises with the Manisses Restaurant and Bar, which has been completely renovated as well. "The restaurant features a chef-driven menu of classic dishes with a twist. The bar offers craft cocktails and a sophisticated wine list," said Steven Filippi. Guests can choose either indoor or outdoor dining. The elegant rotunda room, adorned with a dramatic chandelier, is a perfect spot for rehearsal dinners, corporate functions and private parties. The outdoor patio overlooks beautiful gardens and a fountain.

The Filippi family is setting a new trend on Block Island for well-heeled travelers. "Block Island has always been known for its old Victorian structures and outdated accommodations. We want to keep the quaint appeal of the island, but make it a more comfortable place to stay for those looking for luxury accommodations," said Steven Filippi.

Hotel Manisses and Manisses Restaurant & Bar are located at 251 Spring Street. Hotel Manisses will be open 7 days a week through Columbus Day. For more information, booking and menus go to www.blockislandstay.com.

About The Filippi Family & Block Island Entertainment

The Filippi Family owns and operates Block Island Entertainment, comprised of Ballard's and Hotel Manisses & Restaurant. Paul Filippi, Sr. purchased Ballard's, the iconic Block Island oceanfront resort, in 1952 and it has been family owned and operated ever since. In 2006, Steven Filippi took over management operations for his family, which purchased Hotel Manisses & Restaurant in October 2015. Block Island Entertainment is raising the bar on hospitality, with a highly qualified staff dedicated to its guest-centric core values.

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