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PAVAROTTI'S LEGACY LIVES ON: OPERA IN PARADISE RETURNS TO PANGKOR LAUT RESORT

PANGKOR LAUT RESORT, MALAYSIA, 14 OCTOBER 2025 – From 10 to 12 October, Pangkor Laut Resort hosted the third edition of its annual *Opera in Paradise: Arias by the Sea*, continuing a tradition of world-class artistry set amidst a two-million-year-old primary rainforest, overlooking the calm emerald waters of the Malacca Strait. Located on a private island, the resort was once again transformed into a natural amphitheatre where music and nature came together in remarkable harmony.

The event honours the legacy of the late Luciano Pavarotti, who once stayed and performed on the island. This connection was made possible through YTL's long-standing commitment to culture and the arts. Inspired by this heritage, *Opera in Paradise* now brings internationally acclaimed artists to Pangkor Laut Resort each year to share their talents in a setting that embodies sophistication and natural beauty.

Led by Grammy-winning flautist and Musical Director Andrea Griminelli, a longtime protégé of Luciano Pavarotti, whose artistry has defined *Opera in Paradise* since its inception, this year's concert featured a stellar ensemble: Laura Wright, the golden-voiced British mezzo-soprano returning to grace the island stage; Clarissa Spata, Australia's rising soprano noted for her crystalline tone and dynamic presence; and tenor Gaetano Bonfante, whose rich voice channels the emotional legacy of Italy's greatest masters. Their arias filled the evening with music, marking an occasion of rare grace and brilliance.

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The event drew an audience of distinction, including Ambassadors to Malaysia from various countries, leading bankers, as well as devoted patrons of the opera, who revelled in the splendour of this renowned gathering while experiencing the resort's newly refurbished accommodations and hallmark hospitality. The weekend offered a complete cultural and culinary immersion, beginning with a welcome dinner at Feast Village, where *Pasar Malam*, the resort's open-air night market, presented a vibrant array of traditional Malaysian flavours and local delicacies. On performance evening, guests gathered for pre-concert cocktails at Fisherman's Cove before proceeding to Samudra, a private enclave by the sea, for the main recital. The night concluded with a gala dinner featuring a specially curated menu by YTL Hotels' Executive Chef, Mohan Deligannu, and his dedicated culinary team, offering a refined finale that mirrored the artistry of the evening.

Pangkor Laut Resort is delighted to announce that Opera in Paradise will return from 23 – 25 October 2026, an invitation for lovers of music and natural beauty to once again revel in an operatic celebration set against the island's timeless charm.

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About Pangkor Laut Resort

Pangkor Laut Resort is set along the Straits of Malacca, three miles off the west coast of Malaysia, surrounded by the emerald sea. Here, guests discover a piece of paradise two million years in the making. Of the island's 300 acres, only a fraction has been developed to house this peaceful luxury resort and its Estates. This private island resort was declared a paradise by the late Pavarotti and voted 'Number One in the World' by Condé Nast Traveller U.K. in its sixth annual Readers' Travel Awards Top 100 list in 2003. Here, wooden buildings blend seamlessly into the forest, walls curve around foliage, and roofs open up to allow trees to continue on their journey to the sky. Nature is respected here, almost revered and it rewards visitors in ways that simply need to be experienced. www.pangkorlautresort.com

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About YTL Hotels

YTL Hotels owns and manages a prestigious collection of award-winning resorts, hotels, boutique experiences, and Spa Villages, with a hospitality footprint across Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Australia, France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. With over 35 properties and more than 7,000 rooms, YTL Hotels continues to redefine luxury and authentic experiences across the globe. Notable properties include Pangkor Laut Resort, voted the World's Best Resort in 2003 by Condé Nast Traveller UK and ranked among the Top 20 Best Resorts in Asia in the 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US. The Gainsborough Bath Spa, part of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World's prestigious collection, was ranked the 6th Best Hotel in the UK in the 2024 Condé Nast Traveller Awards. It has also been consistently listed as one of the Top Destination Spa Resorts in the World in both the 2022 and 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US. Additionally, both The Gainsborough Bath Spa in the UK and Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Japan, have earned the prestigious Michelin Key. The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui was recognised in the 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US as one of the Top 15 Best Resorts in Thailand. Furthermore, Monkey Island Estate, Gaya Island Resort, and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui have been named in the 2025 edition of Fodor's Finest as some of the Most Incredible Hotels in the World.

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YTL Hotels' portfolio embodies the brand's promise of "Treasured Places, Treasured Moments" and includes the ownership and management of several Marriott International properties in Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, and Australia. This also encompasses distinctive hotels under the Autograph Collection and AC Hotels banners. Notable properties within the Marriott International partnership include The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur, and Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur. The collaboration further features prominent hotels like The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui, and Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, which was named one of TIME's World's Greatest Places 2021. As Japan's first Ritz-Carlton Reserve, it plays a key role in YTL Hotels' master plan for Niseko Village.

With each new experience that it presents, the company strives to embrace and highlight the natural essence of culture, character, and tradition of its surroundings. YTL Hotels is the hospitality arm of YTL Corporation Berhad. Visit ytlhotels.com for more information and follow us on our social media platforms for #YTLTravels.

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