

The Dodo Who Wanted to Fly by Katrin Caine: Beachcomber's Amazing Show

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels proudly presents the interactive musical 'The Dodo Who Wanted to Fly' adapted from the book of Katrin Caine. The show staged by the author is an invitation to the imaginary, fantasy and humour. The show which is part of Beachcomber's signature activity 'Be Local' of the Kids Club of the group and acted by the artisans of the Kids Club and young tourists, was premiered at Paradis Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa this week.

Monday night, 8 p.m. The garden of the Kids Club of Paradis Beachcomber livens up as if by magic with spectacular lighting effects while the actors, young and old, take to the stage. Pictures from 'The Dodo Who Wanted to Fly' are projected on a giant screen. The show begins, narrating the amazing adventure of Louis, the dodo who wanted to fly.

For 50 minutes, the budding actors dressed in their magnificent costumes signed Corinne Nisin, invited the audience – clients, Head Kids Clubs, Katrin Caine and the management of Paradis Beachcomber – to a spectacular and colourful journey punctuated with French, English and Creole songs. The show ended around 9 p.m. under a round of applause and left the audience completely enchanted.

The show is the result of a collaboration between Beachcomber Group and Katrin Caine.

"Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels created thematic signature activities for its kids' clubs: Be Creative, Be Together, Be local, Be Eco-friendly and Be Sporty. The aim through Be Local, is to allow the kids who are on holidays in Mauritius to connect themselves with the history of the island and to take home unforgettable holiday memories. This explains the two-fold partnership with Katrin Caine: entertaining and interactive reading of her book in the Kids Clubs and the staging of a show exclusively for our hotels based on her book," explains Jean-Louis Pismont, COO of the Group.

For the show, Katrin Caine accompanied the teams from the different Kids Clubs Beachcomber and the kids for weeks.

"It was a real pleasure to work with the artisans. I was pleasantly surprised to witness all this talent and creativity. The little ones were impressive. It was amazing to see children outgrow their timidity as we progressed through the rehearsals," she affirms.

The writer commented the collaboration with Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels.

"The management of the group immediately saw the potential of 'The Dodo Who Wanted to Fly' to allow children from the Kids Clubs discover the history of Mauritius."

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is also one of the main sponsors of the show 'The Dodo Who Wanted to Fly' which will be staged at the Caudan Arts Centre in November.

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About Beachcomber

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is the pioneer and leader of the Mauritian tourism industry. Since the creation of Park Hotel in 1952, a collection of 9 resorts have emerged over the years, including the mythical Royal Palm Beachcomber Luxury Mauritius in 1985, considered by everyone as the reference in hospitality for luxury holidays in Mauritius.

The Group recently expanded its collection, with the integration of the Beachcomber French Riviera, situated on the Côte d'Azur, in France.

The collection of 9 resorts affords a choice of accommodation options ranging from rooms and apartments to suites and villas. Each hotel is imbued with a particular history and cachet, embodying an image of discrete luxury.

Social responsibility – Fondation Espoir Développement (FED), by Beachcomber

Set up and financed by Beachcomber since 1999, with the participation of hotels and employees, this foundation takes care of these main projects:

- Projet Employabilité Jeunes (PEJ): professional insertion of school drop-outs through a training programme and industrial attachments.
- Collaboration with NGOs, schools and associations
- Regional projects – youth mentoring: the "Amour et Espoir" NGO; IT initiation; youth monitoring via the "Duke of Edinburgh International Award" programme, participation of regional sports clubs in the organisation of the Beachcomber UTRB Trail 2015

Social responsibility – Local Hands

Programme launched in 2006 to support small local artisans by providing them with training and guidance as they embark upon the process of creation, production, marketing and sales.

Sustainable development – our environmental actions – EarthCheck label

Sustainable development and environmental protection constitute real considerations within the Group, which has set up, amongst other initiatives, practices that ensure energy savings and favour renewable energy sources. These initiatives in favour of sustainable development have been recognised and rewarded, with all of our hotels recently obtaining the EarthCheck Benchmarked Silver accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.