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**PANGKOR LAUT RESORT'S INAUGURAL OPERA IN PARADISE  
WITH A TRIO OF SENSATIONAL NAMES  
20 – 22 OCTOBER 2023**

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A weekend of world-class opera and exquisite gastronomy  
set upon the most pristine stage of all.

**Pangkor Laut Resort, Malaysia – 30 October 2023** – Pangkor Laut Resort, a secluded island paradise, recently set a new standard in the world of opera by hosting internationally acclaimed artists recently. Opera in Paradise transformed the resort into a haven for celebrated musicians who have left an indelible mark on the annals of music history. Their performance delivered a symphony that will forever remain etched in the memories of those fortunate enough to witness it on this exclusive island retreat.

The inaugural Opera in Paradise event was a captivating showcase of exceptional talents, featuring three headline performers who left the audience in awe. These remarkable artists included Andrea Griminelli, world-renowned flautist extraordinaire; Belle Voci, a duo of stunning sopranos; and Michael Austin, a powerful tenor.

The entire performance unfolded on an extraordinary stage, set amidst the enchanting ambiance of Pangkor Laut Resort. This exquisite venue perfectly embodies the resort's unique philosophy of 'One island, One resort,' seamlessly intertwining cherished moments with the idyllic backdrop of sun, sea, sand, and the ageless beauty of a 2-million-year-old rainforest.

This carefully curated line-up marked the commencement of Opera in Paradise 2023, harkening back to a semi-private performance by the legendary tenor, Luciano Pavarotti. In 1994, the maestro graced the grounds of Pangkor Laut Resort with a dazzling performance, commemorating the resort's second phase of development. Pavarotti was so moved and captivated by the location that he exclaimed, "This place is enchanting, it is paradise here. This morning when I woke up, I went out (and) I was really moved, almost crying to see how beautiful things has (been) done by God.

Because this is really paradise." Pavarotti even dedicated the song 'O Paradiso' during his recital as a homage to Pangkor Laut Resort.

To this day, the resort faithfully maintains the tradition of paying homage to the legendary tenor by bestowing his name upon their most splendid suite, renowned for its breathtaking views. Three decades following that pivotal occasion, the artists selected to lead the inaugural 2023 Opera in Paradise weekend offered a heartfelt tribute to the event that solidified Pangkor Laut Resort's status as an icon of unparalleled allure. The perfect climax to this celebration was a vibrant rainbow on the horizon at the concert's conclusion.

The magical evening commenced with sunset cocktails at Fisherman's Cove, creating a hypnotic prelude to an unforgettable concert. Every individual in attendance, approximately 200 in total, was mesmerised not only by the touching performance but also by the awe-inspiring 360-degree vista offered by the unique concert venue, Samudra. The concert proved to be a resounding success, culminating in a standing ovation and fervent requests for an encore.

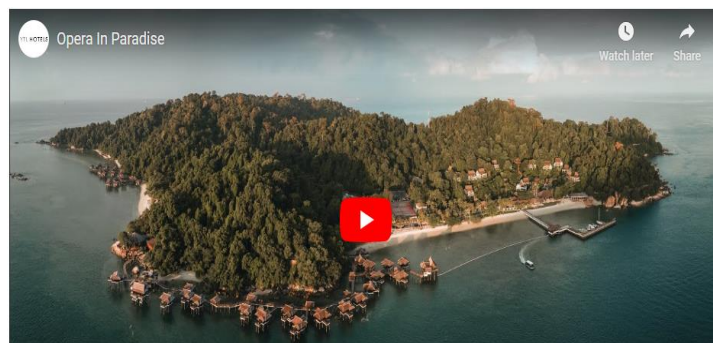
Guests found their path to a tantalisingly curated dinner, where they had the opportunity to interact with the performers, ensuring an evening of pure enjoyment. During the event, Dato' Mark Yeoh, Executive Director of YTL Hotels, delivered a brief speech, expressing gratitude to all, as their collective efforts were instrumental in making the inaugural Opera in Paradise an unequivocal triumph.

In a parallel effort to inspire guests to participate in the creation of paradise for others, a charitable initiative ran concurrently with the Opera in Paradise weekend. The proceeds from this noble endeavour were directed towards supporting Hospis Malaysia, a charitable organisation dedicated to realizing the vision of universally accessible palliative care. Their mission is to deliver evidence-based palliative care to patients and their families at no cost, while also training others to extend this vital service to those who might otherwise be deprived of it.

If you were unable to attend this year's inaugural concert, be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming second edition of Opera in Paradise, scheduled from 18 to 20 October, 2024, featuring a fresh line-up of exceptionally talented performers.

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To delve deeper into the artistry of these performers, we invite you to explore the [Opera in Paradise 2023 Performers](#) page.

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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. [pangkorlautresort.com](http://pangkorlautresort.com)

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