

Die Fledermaus at Philea Ballroom on October 2

AYER KEROH - Philea Resort & Spa is proud to present a gala charity operetta entitled 'Die Fledermaus' at its Philea Ballroom on 2 October 2013 from 8.30 pm to 11.00 pm.

The resort's financial director, Lim Beng Wei told reporters that part of the proceeds raised from this event will be channeled to Calvary Care Home in Bukit Baru.

"The proceeds from this operetta will benefit residents of the home in support of the home's continuous service to the community-at-large," Lim

added.

Die Fledermaus which literally means 'the flying mouse' is one of Austrian composer Johann Strauss II's well-known operettas. It is produced by Australian company Co-Opera and performed for the first time in various parts in Malaysia.

Its musical director, Brian Chatterton told reporters that premiering in 1874 at Vienna's Theater an der Wien, the opera has graced leading opera houses like New York's Stadt Theatre, M u n i c h ' s

Gärtnerplatztheater, London's Alhambra Theatre, and Hamburg State Opera.

The comic musical centres on Gabriel von Eisenstein who is an affluent Viennese gentleman who delayed serving his eight-day prison sentence by attending an extravagant party hosted by Prince Orlovsky.

According to the former dean of performing art, the comedic operetta named Die Fledermaus (Revenge of the Bat) is set amid the glitzy art deco of the 1920s and also tells a story of Dr. Falke's

embarrassing misfortune when he wakes up naked at the town's centre after a drunken night.

Subsequently, feeling humiliated, Dr. Falke sets out to seek revenge. This production of Die Fledermaus, the operetta is fully sponsored by the Australian Government and in collaboration with Showtime Asia.

Among the scenes from the acts in operetta that will literally 'transport' to Vienna in 1899 is at the year-end party hosted wealthy Prince Orlovsky where you will find not only tenors and sopranos as well lines that worth remembering especially uttered or sung by the prince.

Like the saying, 'Things are what they seems to be' the prince during one of the acts utters 'Chacun A Son Goot'. In French this phrase can be translated loosely one should criticize other people's morals which makes a lot sense at the end of the operetta where all the masks are removed.

At the beginning of the act you also find outside the Eisenstein home, the tenor Alfred serenades his old flame Rosalinde, who is now mar-



The mover-and-shakers responsible for bringing Die Fladermaus to Melaka



Lim, Chin, Chatterton and ShowAsia chief Kok Kee Boon

ried to Gabriel von Eisenstein.

Adele, Rosalinde's chambermaid, who manages to get the night off to attend a glamorous party is another cast that will mesmerize you.

Philea Resort & Spa Marketing and Communications Director, Connie Chin added during the press conference that the resort is throwing in a package with for guests who like to stay over at Melaka's greenest resort.

Chin also added that guests may arrive in masquer-

ade attire to win a prize for the best costume.

For those who want spend a night at Melaka most luscious resort For a mere RM799, you get a 2D1N Stay for Two in Pavilion Room. Two tickets to Die Fledermaus Musical and breakfast for two. However, bookings must be made between now to Sep 30. Bookings subject to availability as only 50 tickets available for this package. Call 06-289 3399 now or Ticket Charge hotline 03 92228811 now.