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FAIRY TALES FROM THE ENGADIN. Of dragons and other mythical creatures

The special exhibition currently on show at the Museum Alpin in Pontresina is certainly one-of-a-kind, focusing as it does on popular and long-forgotten fairy tales from the Engadin. What's particularly remarkable about the exhibition is the smooth blend of languages used in the stories, which are told partly in Romansh, partly in German – and even a mixture of both – with illustrations to match.

Fairy tales usually begin with 'Once upon a time', and Romansh fairy tales are no exception: *A d'eira üna volta*. These wondrous stories of dragons and other mythical creatures are certain to delight children and adults alike. For example, who knows the old Pontresina fairy tale called *Il dragun dal god nair*, which is set in the enchanted Forest of Staz?

These instructive fairy tales feature evil dragons, gnomes, kindly fairies, helpful sprites and other fabulous creatures and are told for the most part by local narrators, specially for the exhibition. Our warmest thanks!

Children, teenagers and adults are invited to immerse themselves in the stories, which are certain to rekindle memories and stir up emotions – and perhaps even spark the imagination when visiting some of the locations in the region mentioned in the stories, after seeing the special exhibition.

The show also features a model of a *Schellenursli* mountain hut and a number of fairy-tale pictures by Graubünden artist Lukas Bonderer. These paintings, which once graced the guest rooms of the Hotel Chesa Mulin in Pontresina, are now on show at the Museum to suit the theme of the special exhibition.

Besides the four stations where the fairy tales are narrated in no particular order (via headphones) in Romansh and German, with picture exhibitions to match, the Museum is also showing three wonderful stories (two fairy tales and a saga) at its fairy-tale cinema (beamer room).

An audiovisual production on the upper floor of the Museum relates other fairy tales and sagas from the Engadin, rounding off the theme of the special exhibition with atmospheric illustrations.

The current special exhibition, as well as the other permanent exhibitions and rooms, can be visited from 17 December 2018 to 20 April 2019 and from 10 June to 19 October 2019, Monday to Saturday, 3.30–6.00pm. The Museum Alpin Pontresina looks forward to your visit!