

German-Vietnamese writer releases new children's book

HÀ NỘI German-Vietnamese writer Isabelle Müller will be taking readers on another fantasy journey in her new picture book that will be published on Children's Day (June 1).

The book, entitled *Hip Hop and the Master Singer*, is the third work in the series about a little flea called Hip Hop.

In his first and second adventures, published in 2022 and 2023, Hip Hop heads to the fantasy land of Ellsaby and the Golden Forest, in this third one, he will travel to the city of Falbalo, a valley away from his home – Green Valley Zoo.

In Falbalo City, all the songbirds have suddenly fallen silent. They have been ignored by humans for far too long. Now some bird species are in danger of disappearing forever as they have forgotten how to sing and how to defend themselves if necessary.

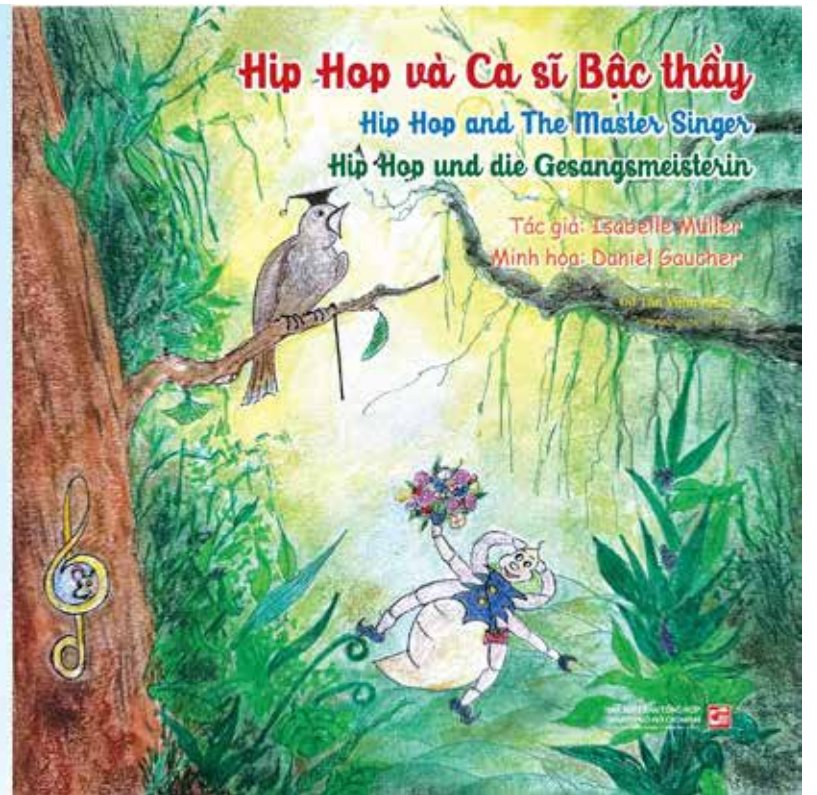
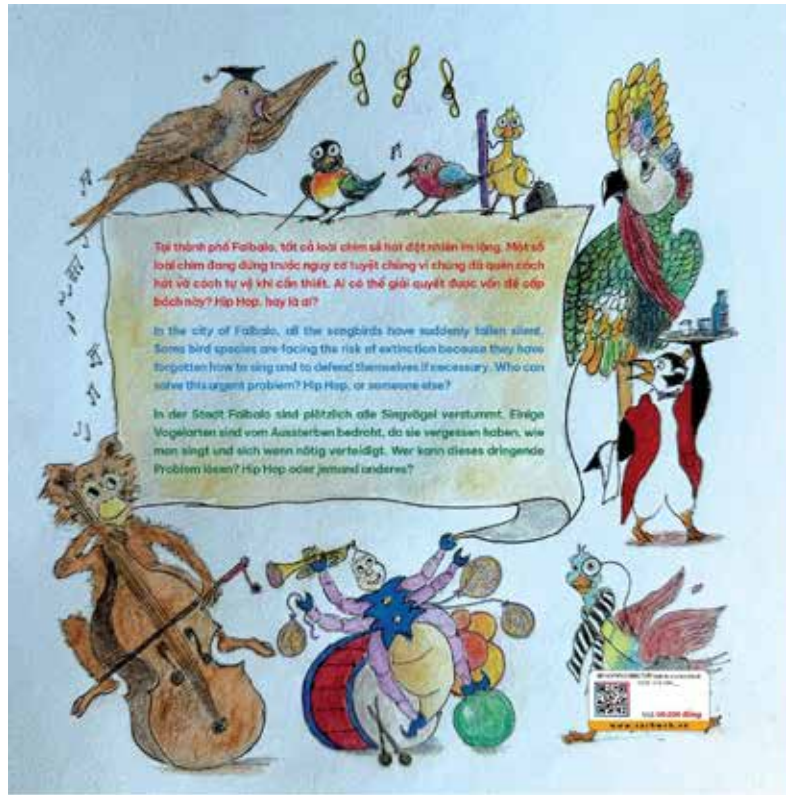
Master Singer Cosma could certainly fix this, but she would need help in order to be successful.

Hip Hop and the Master Singer will reveal how Hip Hop and his friends are able to rescue the songbirds from their desperate situation before spring arrives.

Lovingly told by Müller, with detailed illustrations by Daniel Gaucher, this book about the flea's next great adventure focuses on cohesion and the need for more mindfulness in life.

"In our actual world, everything is moving faster and faster," said Müller.

"People are under pressure and often don't have time to relax their minds. Modern means such as smartphones, computers or tablets have become part of education and can be a good support, but children's attention is drawn to the devices. Communication between people is becoming less and less and as a result there are



TUNES FOR TOTS: The cover of *Hip Hop and the Master Singer*, German-Vietnamese writer Isabelle Müller's new children book. Photo courtesy of HCM City General Publishing House

deficits in social behaviour and the bond within the family also weakens.

"In addition, the relationship between people and nature and the animal world is also divided. Mother Nature with the plants and the animals that surround us give us so much strength and help us find peace of mind. We can meditate, come back to our senses and observe the wonders of our world (birdsong, social behavior in animals, wonders of nature in plants and trees, etc), but only if we consciously take the time to do so. If you don't do this, valuable things in life will be lost.

"This book shows how important it is to maintain and develop awareness of our surroundings. In the circle of life, everything is connected (humans, animals, nature) and we should cultivate this



KIND FOR KINDER: Müller has released three children's books. Photo courtesy of the writer

circle and honour it with respect.

"Hip Hop's next adventure awakens this awareness and emphasises the importance of cohesion and creativity to solve problems."

The book is expected to be published in three languages – Vietnamese, English and German – by HCM City General Publishing House on June 1.

It is suitable for children aged

six to ten and all proceeds will be donated to the LOAN Foundation (LOAN Stiftung) which aims to help Vietnamese disadvantaged children in mountainous areas have a better life. VNS

Bình Thuận museum launches exhibition on President Hồ Chí Minh



WATCH AND LEARN: Visitors view photos depicting the daily life of President Hồ Chí Minh at an exhibition launched by the Hồ Chí Minh Museum in Bình Thuận Province. VNA/VNS Photo by Hồng Hiếu

BÌNH THUẬN The Hồ Chí Minh Museum in Bình Thuận Province is opening a photo exhibition depicting the daily life of President Hồ Chí Minh.

The event aims to mark the 134th birthday of the President (May 19), and 113 years since the President left the country to seek ways for national salvation (June 5).

The exhibition displays 40 photos featuring the daily activities of President Hồ Chí Minh, such as images of the President with children at the Presidential Palace in 1955, and the President at Việt Bắc Military Base.

According to the organiser, the exhibition offers people, particularly young people, an opportunity to access valuable documents about President Hồ Chí Minh and learn more about his simple lifestyle, and his sacrifice for the national liberation, peace and development of the country.

It also encourages officers, soldiers, and citizens to learn and follow President Hồ Chí Minh's thought, morality, and style, and contribute to the development and innovation of the country.

In addition, the organiser showcases 100 photos introducing the history, culture, tourism and people of Bình Thuận to the visitors at the museum.

The exhibition will open until June 15 at the Dục Thanh Relic Site in Phan Thiết City.

The relic site, previously the Dục Thanh Primary School, is where the President worked as a teacher from September 1910 to February 1911 before he left for Sài Gòn to begin his national salvation journey. VNS