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KUDOKE goes Hollywood - continuation of the story

Last December the original film watch of the Hollywood crime story „Last Looks“ had been auctioned off by Philipps auction house in New York.

You can find everything you need to know about this exciting story [here](#).



But what happened afterwards?

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KUDOKE reforests

The idea was to have the original film watch auctioned off at an auction house in order to use the proceeds to support reforestation projects in the spirit of the movie hero. But why go far away when what is needed is so close? In our region, Upper Lusatia, we have also lost many forest stands due to the prolonged drought and associated pest infestation.

So at the beginning of 2023, we met with our local mayor Kathrin Gessel and the district forester Norman Schaller to forge a plan for the sensible use of the funds in the region.

We quickly agreed on a first forest area for reforestation: At an idyllically situated, small reservoir in the municipality of Steinigtwolmsdorf, communal forest had to be cleared due to bark beetle infestation. We were already familiar with this forest, as our children often came here to play with the nearby kindergarten. The fact that this "magic forest" was now to disappear was also sad for the "older" residents, as it is a popular destination for excursions and a place to relax.



So we decided to turn this „magic forest“ back into one for the next generation. And in a special way, because Mr. Schaller suggested planting tree species here that would otherwise most likely never have grown in this location but are nevertheless well adapted to the impending climatic changes. The idea was to create an experimental forest with trees such as whitty pear, hickory, sessile oak, Turkish fir and sweet chestnut.

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From plan to action

But "only" providing the financial means was not enough for us. And so we all met at the little dam at the end of October to plant trees under the guidance of the district forester and provide them with wildlife protection fences. Just in time for the start of the work, it stopped raining and the sun came out.



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The KUDOKE team swapped magnifying glasses and tweezers for spades and axes for the day. Everyone brought their families along, so we pitched in across the generations. Our mayor Ms. Gessel, the biathlon and local history club also helped diligently and within three hours all young trees had found their new location.



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We would like to thank everyone involved for their commitment and support. It was a great experience to be able to help shape our home in such an hands-on and long-term way.

Now we hope that the trees will grow and flourish well and that we can meet again in 30 years' time in the same place to enjoy the reclaimed enchanted forest.

Fortunately, patience is an important virtue of every good watchmaker ;-)

To be continued....

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About KUDOKE

„More than 15 years ago, I said to my wife, 'I have a crazy idea: I will manufacture my own watches!'" At that time, Stefan Kudoke was a student who already had finished his master-watchmaker's degree and had worked at renowned brands like Glashütte Original, Breguet, and Blancpain before.

With the founding of his eponymous brand in 2008, Stefan pursued his dream full-time and made a name for himself as a creator of exceptionally artistic hand-skeletonized and hand-engraved timepieces among his KUNSTwerk collection.

Of the emergence of his second collection, the HANDwerk line, Stefan explained, "After more than 10 years, I refined my skeletonizing skills to their utmost, and I found myself in a position where I wanted to develop my watchmaking skills further." In 2019, KUDOKE 2 - the second model of this collection - has been awarded the prestigious Grand Prix d'Horlogerie de Genève (GPHG), which is considered as the „OSCAR“ of the horological industry and therefore represents the highest recognition in this sector.

As with his skeleton models, Stefan Kudoke sets great value upon the refinement of the watch components by hand. This is how handcrafted pieces of art are created - in small volumes and with great care and attention to detail.

Today, the husband-and-wife team as well as three watchmakers work with passion to live the dream of independent watchmaking in Germany.

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