Kiwaka brings the night sky closer

New educational app for iPhone + iPad
Available on June 5th

June 5th 2014 – LANDKA ® announced today the new educational game Kiwaka. Over the last two years the company has been working on this app, which aims to develop children’s interest in astronomy and observing the night sky. Kiwaka is now available for iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch.

The project was developed with the collaboration of the European Space Agency (ESA), the European Southern Observatory (ESO) and other leading scientific organizations to display over 120 stunning space images, as well as external links to further explore the cosmos. The app also includes several videos to assist younger users in finding and identifying important stars and constellations in the sky.

The adventure begins in Kiwaka, a small place in the African jungle (it actually exists!). According to an old legend “fireflies carry the light from the stars”. The player’s mission in this magical learning adventure is to catch fireflies to light up the stars in the night sky and reveal the world’s wondrous constellations and their ancient myths.

Do you know the story of Cassiopeia, the vain Queen of Ethiopia? Or the myth of Perseus and how he killed Medusa, who turned all who gazed upon her to stone? Have you heard of Orion, the great hunter, and his enemy, the giant Scorpion?... The night sky is full of magical stories and Kiwaka will unveil its mysteries.

The Emmy nominee, David Ari Leon, composed the soundtrack that enriches this delightful adventure under the night sky of Kiwaka. Leon is well-known for his music on Marvel and Disney soundtracks including “SPIDERMAN UNLIMITED” and “INCREDIBLE HULK”.

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KIWAKA STORY

On the same date, LANDKA ® will also release Kiwaka Story, a Book app that tells the tale of the characters in Kiwaka and their adventures to unveil the ancient mysteries of the stars. The interactive book is narrated (in the English and Portuguese editions), by the actor Diogo Morgado who recently played the role of Jesus in the biblical epic film “SON OF GOD”.

ABOUT LANDKA ®

LANDKA is a mobile app development company focused on high quality products in the field of education and entertainment. Our team consists of programmers, designers and engineers who truly believe that there is still much to be done in the art of merging technology and design. This vision determines our approach to every new product and is deeply embedded in the company philosophy. LANDKA also developed the award-winning app Back in Time, considered one of the 10 best iPad apps by the New York Times (2011) and one of the 10 best eBooks of the year by the American Photo Magazine (2012).
Category  Games + Education | Apps for Kids 9-11
Release Date  June 5th 2014
Languages  English, Spanish, Italian, French, German, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese
Developer  LANDKA ® • www.landka.com • www.kiwaka.com
Price  2.99 USD | 2.69 EUR | 1.99 GBP | 18.00 CNY | 300 JPY • Size  340 MB

**LINKS**

App Trailer on YouTube: http://youtu.be/uUAeMt_xt0Y
App Store: https://itunes.apple.com/app/id632759992

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“(…) In the digital world we live today, apps are definitely an attractive means to capture one’s imagination. Kiwaka does a wonderful job in that respect, making use of ESO’s material to encourage app users to discover the Universe in a fun and competitive way”, says Lars Lindberg Christensen, Head of the Education and Public Outreach Department at the European Southern Observatory (ESO).
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