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**DinO!saurs: A Prehistoric Expedition
To Open June 7 at Omaha Children's Museum**

Omaha Children's Museum will open a new traveling exhibition, DinO!saurs: A Prehistoric Expedition, on June 7. This blockbuster exhibit features 13 robotic dinosaurs and will be open at the museum through January 4, 2009.

This exhibition brings a whole new herd of the ancient creatures sure to entertain and educate young and old alike. Exhibit highlights include a 22-foot-long Tyrannosaurus Rex, plus other favorites including Triceratops, Stegosaurus and a Corythosaurus protecting her nest of eggs and hatchlings.

"Dinosaurs are terrific teachers," said Omaha Children's Museum Executive Director Lindy Hoyer. "These magnificent creatures inspire children to learn science, history, geography and even language, making them a perfect fit for Omaha Children's Museum."

Against a realistic backdrop of lush scenery, the 10,000 square foot exhibit will include much more than dinosaurs: two rubbing stations, a Dinosaur Dig where guests can uncover fossils and a Duckbill Dinosaur robot that visitors can operate. No skin is attached to its robotic frame.

Additional components of the exhibit include Paleo Camp, where educational activities with museum staff will be offered throughout the day, as well as Jurassic Playground where kids can get physical with a climbing and play structure that features a climbing wall, two slides and binoculars in a lookout tower that provide a great view of T-Rex! Jurassic Playground is sponsored by Backyard Adventures.

DinO!saurs: A Prehistoric Expedition brings a new herd of dinosaurs to the museum than those that were on display in 1989 and 2006. Exhibits featuring dinosaurs are the most popular traveling exhibitions featured at the museum to date; in 2006 they drew nearly 100,000 guests.

The dinosaurs that will be on display were created by Kokoro Dinosaurs. Each creature is individually computer-programmed and handcrafted. As pliable as living tissue, the outer skin is finished with the model in motion, to achieve and maintain uncanny resiliency. Distinguished paleontologists were consulted on all aspects of the creatures' attributes and functioning. Motion is lifelike and beautifully complex.

The following dinosaurs will be on display:

Tyrannosaurus Rex
Tenontosaurus
Deinonychus
Corythosaurus
Elasmosaurus
Mosasaurus

Pachycephalosaurus
Stegosaurus
Triceratops
Two Young Triceratops
Duckbill Dinosaur (Hands-on)
Pteranodon

Opening day, June 7, will feature a preview of the exhibition for museum members from 9-10 a.m. Activities that day will include a "Make Your Own 3-D T-Rex" in the museum's Creative Arts Center, special science shows every hour on the half hour, and Paleo Camp educational activities every hour on the hour.

On June 14 and July 26, the Pancake Man will visit the museum, providing a Dino Breakfast for just \$5 per person from 9-11 a.m. Dino Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage or bacon and juice or milk.

Admission to the exhibit is \$2 for non-members and free for museum members. Regular museum admission applies.

DinO!saurs: A Prehistoric Expedition is sponsored by Children's Hospital and Cox Communications.

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About Omaha Children's Museum

Since its inception in 1976, Omaha Children's Museum has been a special place where children can challenge themselves, discover how the world works and learn through play. The mission of Omaha Children's Museum is to engage the imagination and create excitement about learning. The museum's permanent exhibits are all new following a \$6.6 million renovation. In addition to its permanent exhibits, Omaha Children's Museum offers educational programs, traveling exhibitions, field trips, outreach programs, summer camps and birthday parties.

For more information visit <http://www.ocm.org>

Museum Information

Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Monday and major holidays*

*open Monday on some school holidays

Admission

Members, Free

Children under 24 months, Free

Children ages 2-15, \$7

Adults ages 16-59, \$7

Seniors 60+, \$6

DinO!saurs Exhibit Admission

Non-members, \$2

Museum members, Free