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DINOSAURS: FOSSILS EXPOSED OPENS AT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Bank of America-Sponsored Exhibit on Display for Summer Residency

Raptor-ous applause all around for the latest interactive STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) exhibit at Long Island Children's Museum (LICM). The Museum is predicting visitors will have a roar-some time this summer as they step back in time to explore *Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed*. The exhibit, sponsored by Bank of America, will be in residence at LICM from May 17 to August 31, 2025.

Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed provides an in-depth look at the giant prehistoric creatures that once roamed the Earth. Often, with dinosaur exhibits, the crucial background information is overshadowed by the sheer majesty of these massive animals. *Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed* ensures that education and excitement are always at the center of the visitor experience, while dispelling common misconceptions and engaging young and old visitors alike with hands-on interactive exhibits. Guests get up close views of life-size skulls, arms, feet and everything in between.

Visitors can view and touch six full dinosaur skeletal molds including a Triceratops, Tyrannosaurus Rex and Velociraptor. There are additional molds of skulls, arms, legs, eggs, footprints and even a 6-foot-1-inch Apatosaurus femur. Visitors will be able to work through a timeline matching game and enjoy a dig box where they can use paleontology tools to unearth dinosaur bones.

"*Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed* offers visitors an unforgettable opportunity as they see and touch these prehistoric giants," explained LICM President Erika Floreska. "The exhibit, coupled with the Museum's public programming and exhibit enhancements, brings the excitement of paleontology to life." Floreska notes that the Museum has the perfect partner in Bank of America to create an exciting summer for visitors. "LICM and Bank of America are excited to give young explorers the opportunity to dig deeper into the science, history and fun surrounding dinosaurs; making learning an exciting, hands-on experience for every child!"

For more than a decade, Bank of America has collaborated with the Museum to bring educational opportunities to Long Islanders and serve local communities. In 2024, Bank of America named the Museum one of its Long Island Neighborhood Builders, awarding the Museum \$200,000 in flexible funding and providing leadership training. This grant, awarded over two years, is helping the Museum strengthen local communities by expanding access to programming connecting children and families to important services. Through the bank's Museums on Us program, the Museum also offers free admission to Bank of America cardholders during the first full weekend of each month.

"The Long Island Children's Museum's innovative programs, educational resources, engaging exhibits and dedication to the community has been the foundation of our partnership for more than a decade," said Marc Perez, president, Bank of America Long Island. "We look forward to bringing the magic and natural wonder of Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed to the Island this spring and summer."

The Museum is adding several hands-on activities to the exhibit to enhance visitor engagement, including the opportunity to build their own dinosaurs using foam bones and put on costumes and grab tools to pose for pictures with a mascot character or in a scenic photo op landscape.

The exhibit features four immersive areas, tailored to specific types of play, including physical, social, inquisitive and creative. These areas include:

Dig Like a Paleontologist

- Use real paleontologist tools to uncover dinosaur bones at our dig site. Learn how fossils are discovered and what they tell us about the past!

Meet the Dinosaurs

- Get up close to full-size replicas of dinosaurs, from the powerful Triceratops to the speedy Velociraptor. Discover fun facts about their habits and habitats!

Examine Real Fossils

- Look at preserved dinosaur bones, footprints, and fossilized eggs. Learn how these fossils help scientists understand how dinosaurs lived.

Dino Dimensions

- Compare your height to the impressive 6' 1" femur bone of an Apatosaurus (Brontosaurus). Discover what it was like to be one of the largest land animals!

To complement the exhibit, LICM will offer a variety of public programs during its run, including:

- **STEM Explorers: Totally T-riffic Dinos** (Saturday, May 17 from Noon to 2 p.m.) - Come join the Green Teens in celebrating the opening of our new exhibit, *Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed*, and learn about the amazing creatures that once roamed our planet. This program is made possible with the support of National Grid.
- **Pterodactyl Flyers** (May 18, June 28, July 26 and August 3) - Did you know that Pterodactyls are not classified as dinosaurs? They are Pterosaurs, which are flying reptiles. Come make your own flying creature and watch it soar in our wind tube.
- **Fascinating Fossils** (May 18, June 8, July 13 and August 2) - Fossils are one of the main ways we gather information about dinosaurs. Come make your very own clay fossil impression to take home.
- **Ask a Paleontologist** (July 10) - This special program with real-life paleontologist, Michael D. D'Emic, PhD, and his graduate students allows visitors to ask all their dino questions and get hands-on with real world tools and artifacts.

Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed is made possible by the Museum of Discovery, Little Rock, Arkansas. The residency at LICM is sponsored by Bank of America.

About the Long Island Children's Museum (www.licm.org)

The mission of Long Island Children's Museum (LICM) is to connect all our communities' children, and those who care for them, to a life of wonder, imagination and exploration. At LICM, children discover their passions and their relationship to the world we share. The 40,000-square-foot museum serves over 300,000 children and adults annually. The private, not-for-profit institution chartered by the New York State Board of Regents, offers museum-based educational programs and cultural experiences, as well as an extensive community outreach program offered in schools, libraries and youth centers across Long Island.

Recognized with several honors, including the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), LICM is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), the gold standard of museum excellence. It is currently the

only accredited children's museum in New York State and is one of only 16 accredited children's museums nationwide. LICM has earned 4-stars on Charity Navigator and has Platinum Transparency on Candid.

Photo Captions:

[Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed exhibit roars into LICM on May 17.](#)

[Excavate prehistoric wonders in the Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed exhibit at LICM.](#)