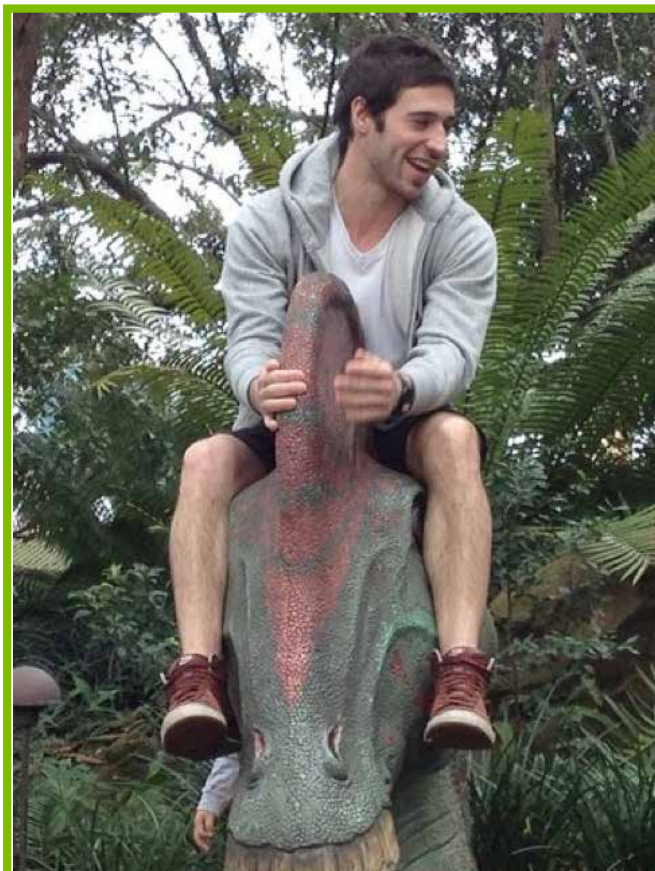


Long Island Children's Museum

Education Packet



More Than Just a Dinosaur

Featuring Dustin Growick aka "The Dinosaur Whisperer"

Performances:

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 through Friday, February 9, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. and noon
Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 11:30 am and 2:00 pm



Know Before You Go

Where You Will Go

Long Island Children's Museum Theater is the only theater on Long Island presenting performances specifically for family audiences on a year-round basis. It has presented vibrant and engaging performances for families since the Museum opened in 1993 and plays a central role in the range of educational experiences provided to visitors. In 2008, the LICM Theater expanded its role and began producing professional level family theater shows. Scripts are selected that encourage audience interaction and create personal experiences that we hope children will take with them throughout their lives.



Question Quest! What is the difference between live theater and a movie? Have you ever seen a live theater performance? Have you ever been to the LICM Theater? If so, what do you remember about it?

Click Further: Check out the [LICM Theater Website](#) for for info and other upcoming performances.

Literary Link: Learn about determination and introduce young audience members to the art of theater with the fun and light hearted, [Amandina](#) by Sergio Ruzzier.

The Show

Every child delights in imagining the world of dinosaurs and they always want to learn MORE! We've brought dinosaur expert, YouTube star and author Dustin Growick, aka "The "Dinosaur Whisperer," to the LICM Theater to help us do just that!

In this scientific adventure, you will be doing more than just blowing dust off fossils. Dustin will equip you with the tools you need to become a junior paleontologist using hands on experiences, fun photo challenges and special prizes. Audience members will use this explorative study of dinosaurs to apply scientific questioning to all aspects of living.

Activity Time: Chart It Up!

Brainstorm with a friend or family member and create a [KWL chart](#) to prepare for the show!

Question Quest! What is science? What is a scientist? What is a paleontologist? What is a dinosaur? What kind of food did dinosaurs eat? Why is it important to study the past? Are dinosaurs still around today?

Click Further: Navigate the ["Dino Directory"](#) for dino-mite facts and illustrations.

Literary Link: Get tucked into bed with [How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight](#) by Jane Yolen.

The Dinosaur Whisperer

Dustin Growick has worked in education at the New York Hall of Science, the American Museum of Natural History, and as a traditional classroom teacher. Now, as Museum Hack's Senior Creative Consultant + Team Lead for Science, Dustin specializes in creating unique, engaging, and educational museum adventures that attract and capture new audiences. In his spare time Dustin enjoys running and being the world's foremost proponent of the #dinoselfie.



Click Further: Get to know "The Dinosaur Whisperer" by checking out his [YouTube Channel](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

Literary Link: Read along with the dinosaur parade of [Dinosaur A to Z](#) by Dustin Growick.

Activity Time: YouTube You!

Grab a grownup and a camera and pretend you're a YouTube star like "the Dinosaur Whisperer!" Record a video of you teaching your "audience" about something you know a lot about, such as your favorite dinosaur!

During Your Visit

Show Time!

Before the Show:

- For sanitation and the safety of those with allergies, please do not bring food or beverages into the Theater (bottled water is permitted).
- Please turn off or silence cell phones when entering the Theater. This makes the experience more enjoyable for everyone.

During the Show:

- LICM Theater is a place that encourages audience interaction in most of our shows. However, we ask that the audience remain seated until prompted by the actors to enter the stage area or respond to questions.
- Keep the aisles clear as per fire safety regulations and in case of emergency.
- We know that young children are curious and will want to ask you questions during the performance—feel free to talk quietly with your children.
- The use of recording and/or photographic equipment is strictly prohibited. You will have an opportunity to take photos of our performers and chat with them at the end of every show.

After the Show:

- Stay and meet the performers!



Question Quest! What was your favorite part of the show? How did the show make you feel? What do you think the performers did to prepare for the show?

Click Further: Read about [research](#) that proved the importance of live theater for students.

Literary Link: Take a turn on stage with [On Stage: Theater Games and Activities for Kids](#).

Making Connections

When you come to see the show, be sure to stick around afterwards and check out all of the galleries in the museum. These are some specific ways you can use the galleries to expand upon your trip to see *More Than Just a Dinosaur*.



Activity Time: *Dinosaurs: Land of Fire and Ice*

Crossing the threshold of this exhibit means traveling back in time to explore the Age of the Dinosaurs! As you move through the exhibit, encounter unfamiliar landscapes, touchable dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes and opportunities to investigate clues about what the dinosaurs left behind. This exhibit builds on the popular fascination with dinosaurs and includes science activities to challenge all ages.

Question Quest! How many dinosaurs could you find? What kinds of dinosaurs did you see in the exhibit? What other creatures did you see that are not dinosaurs? If you were a dinosaur, what kind of dinosaur would you be?

Click Further: Dance along to the “**Dinosaur Stomp**”.

Literary Link: Roar along with ***Dinosaur Roar*** by Paul Stickland.

Activity Time: *Feasts for Beasts*

Expand upon your critter consideration as you learn about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Look at the animals throughout the gallery and compare them to the dinosaurs you saw in *Dinosaurs: Land of Fire and Ice*.

Question Quest! Out of the critters you saw in this gallery, which one was your favorite? Why? Are dinosaurs carnivores, herbivores or omnivores? Are you a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore?

Click Further: Rock out to some **funky tunes** as you learn more about the differences between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Literary Link: Consider picking up **this book series** about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Tell Us What You Thought!

We would love to hear from you. Share your feedback regarding your experience at the LICM Theater by emailing us at theater@licm.org.

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