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DINOSAURS ALIVE 3D FEATURES LIFE-LIKE 3D ANIMATION
at the California Science Center IMAX Theater

Los Angeles— *Dinosaurs Alive 3D*, now playing at the California Science Center IMAX Theater, is an adventure of science and discovery that offers audiences a unique look at the entire age of dinosaurs. The new giant screen film, narrated by actor Michael Douglas, combines animation and a live-action story featuring paleontologists from New York's American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) and their graduate students as they uncover new fossils. From the trackless expanses of Mongolia's Gobi Desert to the sandstone cliffs of New Mexico, audiences will view some of the greatest dinosaur finds in history, including evidence that the descendents of dinosaurs are still with us today.

One of the most dramatic sequences in the film depicts a *Velociraptor* and a *Protoceratops* who were locked in mortal combat when a sand dune swept over them, killing them instantly. They died in a deadly embrace, claws and jaws still grasping at each other. More than eight species of dinosaurs from the Triassic to the Cretaceous Period are shown. *Dinosaurs Alive 3D* brings these dinosaurs and their environments to life through scientifically accurate and stunningly realistic computer-generated animation.

"Bringing dinosaurs back to life with 3D computer animation in *Dinosaurs Alive* was a huge technical challenge, but makes up our most exciting scenes," says producer and co-director David Clark. "The dinosaurs we've created are totally realistic and comprise about one-third of the film. Their 3D perspective actually brings them out into the theater."

Dinosaurs Alive also features rare and beautifully preserved footage of 1920s AMNH scientist and adventurer Roy Chapman Andrews to provide audiences with a unique perspective into field paleontology over time. Andrews is believed to be the inspiration for the Indiana Jones character, and led five expeditions to the Gobi Desert. Andrews and his team found hundreds of dinosaur remains, many new to science, including the first *Velociraptor*, the first dinosaur nests with eggs, and fossils of early mammals that lived alongside dinosaurs in the Late Cretaceous Period.

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Following in the footsteps of Roy Chapman Andrews, today's leading AMNH paleontologists, Mike Novacek and Mark Norell and others, have been making annual expeditions to the Gobi every summer since 1990 and are featured in the film.

Film-goers will experience breakthrough discoveries taking place under the towering red rock cliffs in northern New Mexico. Since the 1940s, AMNH scientists have uncovered excellent specimens at Ghost Ranch, where erosion has cut down through the many levels of sediment to expose fossils of the earliest dinosaurs from the Triassic Period, some 230 million years ago. Scientists have recently discovered a "monster" buried in the sands of Ghost Ranch. This long-necked, 121-foot-long sauropod called *Seismosaurus*, or 'thunder lizard,' is brought to life using CGI.

Dinosaurs Alive 3D is a production of David Clark Inc., Giant Screen Films, the Maryland Science Center, and Stardust Blue, LLC, in association with the American Museum of Natural History. The film is directed by large-format veterans Bayley Silleck and David Clark with cinematography by Bill Reeve. Major funding has been provided by the National Science Foundation with additional support from the Museum Film Network, and 3D Film Interest Group. The film is distributed by Giant Screen Films of Evanston, IL.

Dinosaurs Alive 3D is scheduled now through June 28, 2007: daily at 9:30 & 10:30 am, 12:30, 2:30 & 4:30 pm. Schedule is subject to change without prior notice – please phone (213) 744-7400 to confirm. (Note: *Dinosaurs Alive 3D* will continue to be shown after June 28 but the times will be changed. Please visit www.californiasciencecenter.org for updates.)

For production notes and images, please visit www.dinosalive.com.

About the California Science Center and IMAX Theater

The California Science Center's mission statement is as follows: "We aspire to stimulate curiosity and inspire science learning in everyone by creating fun, memorable experiences, because we value science as an indispensable tool for understanding our world, accessibility and inclusiveness, and enriching people's lives."

The Science Center and IMAX Theater are located in historic Exposition Park, Los Angeles. Open daily from 10am to 5pm except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission to Science Center exhibits is free. IMAX tickets vary from \$8.00 for adults to \$4.75 for children 4-12. For recorded information on show times, phone (213) 744-7400. Tickets are available at the Box Office or online at www.californiasciencecenter.org. For advance IMAX ticket purchases, group rates, or to make reservations for any visiting group of 15+ (*required*), call (213) 744-2019. Parking is available in the guest lot at Figueroa and Coliseum/39th Street at \$6 per car. Both the Science Center and IMAX Theater are wheelchair accessible. ***Proceeds from the IMAX Theater help support California Science Center exhibits and education programs.***

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