



Museum of Nature and Science

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### PEROT MUSEUM'S 2018-2019 SEASON LINEUP IS AN EXPLORATION OF TIMELESS INNOVATION FROM THE DISCOVERIES OF NEW PREHISTORIC SPECIES TO THE CREATIVE ENGINEERING OF THE FUTURE

*Two traveling exhibitions – **Ultimate Dinosaurs** and **The Art of the Brick** – headline the season, alongside fan favorites such as *Social Science nights*, *sleepovers*, *National Geographic Live speakers*, *Discovery Camps* and a whole month dedicated to makers, innovators and creators*

**DALLAS (Sept. 12, 2018)** – Millions of LEGO® bricks used to create everything from the masterpieces of Da Vinci and Van Gogh to feats of engineering will intrigue guests as part of the spectacular ***The Art of the Brick*** traveling exhibition, which will headline the 2018-2019 season lineup at the **Perot Museum of Nature and Science**. And a fascinating display of mostly unknown dinosaurs from below the equator, plus dozens of events and programs – including a brilliant cast of National Geographic speakers, adults-only nights, new 3D films, sleepovers and seasonal camps – round out the season.

Receiving rave reviews from its other national tour stops, ***The Art of the Brick*** (Feb. 23-Aug. 18, 2019) features LEGO® bricks of every size used to construct stunning works of art and structural marvels (such as the *Mona Lisa*, the statues of David, Venus de Milo and Augustus of Prima Porta, a *T. rex*, Hokusai's *The Great Wave off Kanagawa* and more).

The popular exhibition ***Ultimate Dinosaurs*** continues through Jan. 6, 2019, bringing to life 17 incredible dinosaurs from the southern hemisphere including the *Giganotosaurus* (South America's "king of the jungle" predator), *Argentinosaurus* (the world's heaviest dinosaur) and other species unfamiliar to many North Americans.

"Our 2019 exhibition, *The Art of the Brick*, melds together the worlds of art and science," said Dr. Linda Silver, Eugene McDermott CEO of the Perot Museum. "In incredible fashion, our visitors can enjoy the extraordinary works created by artist Nathan Sawaya and try their hands at LEGO® architecture in what's been named a CNN top 10 'global must-see exhibition.'"

"And dinosaur enthusiasts will love our *Ultimate Dinosaurs* exhibition that showcases an exciting array of species from south of the equator – including *T. rex*'s more-fearsome distant cousin and the largest dinosaur that ever lived – that were only just discovered in the last 20 to 30 years," added Dr. Silver.

New to the Museum's *T. Boone Pickens Life Then and Now Hall* is the Paleo Lab, a glass-encased permanent exhibit that gives guests real-time views of the dynamic dinosaur research of Museum paleontologists as they process and prepare fossils fresh from the field. Looming above the Paleo Lab is the first-ever skeletal reconstruction of *Nanuqsaurus hoglundi*, the polar tyrannosaur discovered and named by Perot Museum paleontologists in 2014. Guests will also want to check out the new *T. rexalator*, which features a life-sized model of the 2<sup>nd</sup> most complete *T. rex* skeleton ever discovered at the top of the glass-enclosed escalator. The new "Dancing Dino" interactive allows visitors to dance with their own raptor avatar while discovering how paleontologists use footprints to study dinosaur anatomy and behavior. Also on display for the first time are *Protohadros* dinosaur tracks found decades ago at Grapevine Lake.

For a rundown of the Perot Museum's 2018-2019 season, see below:

**ULTIMATE DINOSAURS (through Jan. 6, 2019).** *Ultimate Dinosaurs* reveals a new breed of dinosaurs that evolved in isolation in South America, Africa and Madagascar – dinosaurs that are unfamiliar to most North Americans. Presented locally by *Highland Capital Management*, *Ultimate Dinosaurs* tells the story of the break-up of supercontinent Pangaea into today's continents and the ways that continental drift affected the evolution of dinosaurs. Through hands-on activities and augmented reality technology, guests will discover that an amazing diversity of species evolved as a result of this phenomenon. Presented in English and French (with a Spanish audio guide available), *Ultimate Dinosaurs* is presented by the Science Museum of Minnesota and requires a surcharge.

**THE ART OF THE BRICK (Feb. 23-Aug. 18, 2019).** Featuring intriguing works of art made exclusively from one of the most recognizable toys in the world, *The Art of the Brick* (presented locally by *Highland Capital Management*) is a critically acclaimed traveling exhibition boasting the world's largest and most elaborate display of pieces constructed using only LEGO® bricks. Created by world-renowned contemporary artist Nathan Sawaya, *The Art of the Brick* is designed to inspire ingenuity and creativity with original pieces and re-imagined versions of some of the world's most famous art masterpieces (made exclusively from LEGO® bricks) including Van Gogh's *Starry Night*, Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring* and a gallery showcasing an innovative, multimedia collection of LEGO®-brick infused photography produced in tandem with award-winning photographer Dean West. *The Art of the Brick* requires a surcharge.

**3D FILMS IN THE HOGLUND FOUNDATION THEATER, A NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE.** Slip on some 3D glasses, and encounter *Tyrannosaurs*, oceans, extreme weather and even a journey through American music. The lineup includes *Waking the T. Rex 3D: The Story of Sue* (through Jan. 6, 2019), *Oceans 3D: Our Blue Planet* and *America's Musical Journey 3D* (through May 23, 2019), and *Extreme Weather 3D* (Jan. 7-May 23, 2019). To view trailers and film times, go to [perotmuseum.org](http://perotmuseum.org). *Films are presented locally by Primrose Schools.*

**PROGRAMS.** The Perot Museum's popular *National Geographic Live Speaker Series* returns Jan. 16, plus tons-of-fun sleepovers, amaze-your-brain architecture tours, adults-only nights, seasonal camps and more will entice all ages.

**2019 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE SPEAKERS SERIES.** Extreme cave-diving, inspiring photography of animal and human ecosystems, and risky rendezvous with deadly animals. Each year, three world-renowned explorers headline the Perot Museum's *National Geographic Live Speaker Series*. Kicking off the 2019 run on **Jan. 16** is **Bertie Gregory**, a British photographer/filmmaker who specializes in capturing intimate shots of animals in their natural environments and portraying what binds animals and humans together. On **March 20**, the series continues with underwater spelunker and environmental anthropologist **Kenny Broad**, the 2011 National Geographic Explorer of the Year who uses his research to address climate change and freshwater resource management. Culminating the series **May 1** is biomedical scientist and inventor **Zoltan Takacs**, who (despite being allergic to snake venom and anti-venom) collects snakes, scorpions, jellyfish and other venomous creatures from around the world to identify leads for life-saving medicines. Lectures take place at 7 p.m. in *The Hogle Foundation Theater, a National Geographic Experience*. Tickets go on sale Oct. 8. Season ticket packages guarantee a seat to all three lectures. Individual tickets are \$35 for Museum members and \$40 for non-members. *National Geographic Live is presented by Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. and The Great Courses Plus.*

**ARCHITECTURE TOUR.** Ever wonder how the Museum appears to "float" at night or why its glass-encased escalator only goes up? Learn all about the structure *Architectural Digest* recently named one of the "10 best designed buildings in the world" on a *Perot Museum Architecture Tour*. See this award-winning museum – lauded for its bold artistry and sustainability and designed by 2005 Pritzker Prize Laureate Thom Mayne and his firm, Morphosis – in a whole new light. Tours, which last 1-1.5 hours, are available for groups of 1-20 at a fee of \$5 per person. The tour is only available with the purchase of Museum general admission tickets and must be purchased in advance.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE.** While the kids are away, the adults can play! Geared exclusively for the 21-and-older crowd, *Social Science* events are the ultimate Friday night go-and-do, complete with cocktails, craft beers, food by Wolfgang Puck Catering, performances, innovative experiments, engaging discussions and cool inventions. *Upcoming events are from 7-11 p.m. on Oct. 19 (Maker), Jan. 25 (Wild World) and April 26 (Science Fiction).* Tickets are \$20 for members and \$29 for non-members. *Social Science is supported by Highland Capital Management, Brown-Forman and Park Place Dealerships. Please drink responsibly.*

**SLEEPOVERS.** For an unforgettable, after-hours experience, book a night at the Perot Museum for a sleepover when kids and their adult chaperones can explore all five levels, enjoy a live science show, see a 3D film and more. *Sleepovers start at \$45 per child and \$30 per adult chaperone. Visit [perotmuseum.org](http://perotmuseum.org) for dates and themes.*

**DISCOVERY CAMP.** When schools are out of session, kids (K-6) can keep their brains churning and learning at the Perot Museum's seasonal *Discovery Camps* featuring fun and educational STEAM-inspired activities during the fall, winter and spring breaks. Plus, children ages 3-4 can partake in half-day camps with hands-on science experiments, creative projects, interactive investigation and

exploration led by expert camp instructors. Before and after care is also available. Visit [perotmuseum.org/camps](http://perotmuseum.org/camps) for dates, themes and prices.

**HOURS.** General hours of operation for the Perot Museum are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. **IMPORTANT:** The Museum will close early Nov. 9 (1 p.m.) and all day Nov. 10 for the *Night at the Museum* fundraising gala. The Museum also will close Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving) and Dec. 25 (Christmas).

**Member-only hours!** From 9-10 a.m. every Saturday and 10-11 a.m. every Sunday, members can enjoy exclusive access to the Perot Museum, plus member-only access to the *Moody Family Children's Museum* on Mondays from 10 a.m.-noon.

**TICKETS.** Museum general admission is \$20 for adults (13-64), \$13 for youth (2-12) and \$14 for seniors (65+). Museum general admission is free for members. Children under 2 are always free. For groups of 10 or more, call for special rates at 214-428-5555 ext. 8. All prices are subject to change.

The Perot Museum is located at 2201 N. Field Street in Dallas, Texas. For ticket information, parking maps and other details visit [perotmuseum.org](http://perotmuseum.org) or call 214-428-5555.

The Perot Museum is DARTable with easy access on the DART bus and rail system. For route information visit [perotmuseum.org/directions](http://perotmuseum.org/directions).

**Highland Capital Management is the 2018-2019 Premier Partner of the Perot Museum.**

**NOTE: To obtain the news release, Perot Museum fact sheet, photos and more, please go to [perotmuseum.org/press](http://perotmuseum.org/press).**

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**About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science.** *The top cultural attraction in Dallas/Fort Worth and a Michelin Green Guide three-star destination, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is a nonprofit educational organization located in Victory Park in the heart of Dallas, Texas. With a mission to inspire minds through nature and science, the Perot Museum delivers exciting, engaging and innovative visitor and outreach experiences through its education, exhibition, and research and collections programming for children, students, teachers, families and life-long learners. The 180,000-square-foot facility opened in December 2012 and is now recognized as the symbolic gateway to the Dallas Arts District. Future scientists, mathematicians and engineers will find inspiration and enlightenment through 11 permanent exhibit halls on five floors of public space; a children's museum; a state-of-the art traveling exhibition hall; and The Heglund Foundation Theater, a National Geographic Experience. Designed by 2005 Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate Thom Mayne and his firm Morphosis Architects, the Museum has been lauded for its artistry and sustainability. To learn more, please visit [perotmuseum.org](http://perotmuseum.org).*

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