The Perot Museum of Nature and Science Brings Rare Triceratops Exhibition to North America with *The March of the Triceratops* Debuting in Summer 2027

The world's only known fossil skeletons of a Triceratops *herd will be on view at the Perot Museum in July 2027 in an immersive, once-in-a-lifetime exhibition bringing visitors face-to-face with one of the most iconic dinosaur species*

DALLAS, TX (September 29, 2026) – The Perot Museum of Nature and Science announced today that it will be the first museum in North America to host the international tour of *The March of the Triceratops*. On view exclusively at the Perot Museum in July 2027, the exhibition features five extraordinary *Triceratops* fossil skeletons from the only known herd ever discovered. The immersive exhibition offers rare insight into how these enormous plant-eating dinosaurs may have lived 68–66 million years ago. *The March of the Triceratops* presents more than 1,200 bones and fossil fragments from five *Triceratops horridus* discovered together in a single rock layer near Newcastle, Wyoming from a latest Cretaceous-aged rock unit called the Lance Formation.

"The March of the Triceratops offers our community the rare opportunity to experience a truly landmark exhibition of some of the most complete *Triceratops* skeletons ever found," said Dr. Linda Silver, Eugene McDermott Chief Executive Officer, Perot Museum. "Dinosaurs have the power to capture our imagination like nothing else, and seeing these remarkable specimens up close is the type of "wow" moment that inspires awe. Complementing the outstanding scientific work and discoveries of our own paleontology team, we're proud to make Dallas a dinosaur destination."

The exhibition, developed by Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Netherlands and presented and toured in partnership with MUSEUMsPARTNER, features authentic fossils of the largest horned dinosaur species to ever live. The prehistoric herd and its Late Cretaceous environment are brought to life through soundscapes, animations, augmented reality, and life-size models. During this once-in-a-lifetime experience, visitors will encounter a true-to-size female Triceratops model and animatronic

calf, explore interactive stations and touchscreens, and take part in hands-on fossil discovery experiences demonstrating how paleontologists piece together evidence from the distant past.

The fossils of the five *Triceratops* were discovered in 2013 and collected over six field seasons between 2015 and 2019 by a team of researchers, paleontologists, preparators, students and volunteers from the Naturalis Biodiversity Center. Scientific analysis indicates that the animals lived and died together, providing rare evidence that *Triceratops* may have engaged in social or herd behavior. The discovery and study of this rare assemblage of fossils have transformed scientists' understanding of the species.

"*Triceratops* fossils are usually found as individual animals, so discovering five together in the same geological layer was extraordinary," stated Professor Dr. Anne S. Schulp, Naturalis Biodiversity Center paleontologist and exhibition curator. "Each bone helps us build a more detailed picture of these animals, including not only what they looked like, but how they grew, moved, and may have interacted as a group. This exhibition allows visitors to experience that discovery."

"Bonebeds of older species of horned dinosaurs have been known for a long time, which was interpreted as evidence for herding behavior in these extinct animals. However, *Triceratops* was previously known only from isolated, solitary individuals," said Dr. Ron Tykoski, vice-president of science & curator of vertebrate paleontology at the Perot Museum. "The site that produced these five skeletons of different sizes and ages suggests that *Triceratops*, the largest, most iconic, ultimate horned dinosaur, was also a herding animal. This discovery and exhibition give us a better picture of the lives and behaviors of these impressive herbivores right at the end of the Age of Dinosaurs."

Brought to audiences through an international scientific partnership, the touring exhibition combines years of fieldwork, advanced imaging, and precision-built structural design to recreate the prehistoric world. Following highly successful presentations at the Naturalis Biodiversity Center, the Natural History Museum Abu Dhabi, and the Auckland Museum, New Zealand, the Perot Museum will be the debut venue in North America.

The March of the Triceratops was developed and produced by the Naturalis Biodiversity Center and is presented and toured in partnership with MUSEUMsPARTNER. The exhibition was curated by the Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Dr. Jimmy de Rooij and Prof. Dr. Anne Schulp from Utrecht University and the Naturalis Biodiversity Center. *The March of the Triceratops* is supported by City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture, Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District, and Visit Dallas.

Images: *Triceratops* herd skeletons, installation at Naturalis Biodiversity Center in 2024, photo credit: Naturalis Biodiversity Center

About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science
Located in the heart of Dallas, Texas, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is a nonprofit educational and research organization dedicated to inspiring minds through nature and science. Visitors will find everything from dinosaurs to diamonds and space to sports, packed into five levels of hands-on discovery and adventure. Through its state-of-the-art exhibits, educational programming and community outreach, the Museum offers exciting and innovative experiences for learners of all ages. For more information, visit perotmuseum.org.

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