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DINOSAURS INVADING MIAMI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM! DINO ISLAND OPENS JUNE 5TH

Hordes of Jurassic reptiles will be roaming around the Miami Children's Museum (MCM) as Dino Island makes its exciting debut. From June 5th, 2010 to January 2nd, 2011, the dinosaurs will make their home at the Museum, 980 MacArthur Causeway on Watson Island in Miami. MCM and Kokoro, the originators and innovators of museum-quality robotic dinosaurs, have collaborated to transform the Museum's What's New? Gallery into a prehistoric adventureland for the entire family.

Enter our time machine and journey back 230 million years into the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods when giant dinosaurs roamed the earth. Visitors young and old can explore the whole 2,500 square feet of custom sets that are home for nine lifelike, robotic creatures, including a Tyrannosaurus Rex, Apatosaurus, Triceratops mother and baby, Maiasaura family, and a suspended Pteradon. See them walking, feeding, roaring, fighting, hatching and caring for their young, all acting and interacting with captivating realism.

Beware the volcano that erupts periodically with sound, lights and smoke, experience a murky swamp with bubbling water, and relax in a cave with a "fireside" reading nook area and much, much more.

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Dino Island will entertain and educate as children learn about scale through an interactive light display, experience the magnitude of dinosaurs' size with a life size footprint, learn the difference between meat and plant eating dinosaurs, and discover the evolution of dinosaurs into birds, their closest living descendents. In addition to fulfilling the fascination children have as they shudder with excitement at the majesty of these creatures, families will experience dinosaur habitats, unearth mysteries at a fun fossil dig station, and create unique pieces of art at rub stations.

Dino Island is a marvelous adventure of self-discovery for the whole family, only at Miami Children's Museum, 980 MacArthur Causeway on Watson Island in Miami, from June 5, 2010 – January 2, 2011. Entrance to the exhibit is included in each regular admission to the Museum. Admission is \$15 for adults and children, \$12 for Florida Residents, free for children under 1 year and admission for Members is complimentary. For more information contact the Museum at 305.373.KIDS (5437) or visit www.miamichildrensmuseum.org.

About Miami Children's Museum

Founded in 1983, Miami Children's Museum is dedicated to enriching the lives of all children by fostering a love of learning and enabling children to reach their highest potential. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to play together, learn, imagine and create. The 56,500-square-foot facility includes 14 galleries, classrooms, and a 200-seat auditorium. The museum offers hundreds of bilingual, interactive exhibits; programs and classes, including special needs classes; Subway restaurant; KidSmart educational gift shop and learning materials related to arts, culture, community and communication. To learn more about the museum, please visit our website: www.miamichildrensmuseum.org.

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