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DINOSAURS STOMP AND SOAR INTO KANSAS CITY

*The Largest, Life-Sized Dinosaur Exhibit in the History of Kansas City
Roars into Union Station Displaying the First Ever Feather-Covered Dinosaur Models and Fossils*

NEWS FACTS:

- ***Dinosaurs Unearthed™*** stomps and soars into Kansas City only at Union Station. This limited engagement special exhibition opens to the public on **Saturday, May 1, 2010**.
- For your inner scientist, *Dinosaurs Unearthed* presents advanced discoveries including fossil evidence that many well-known dinosaur species may have been covered in feathers. This is the largest collection of feathered fossil replicas on display outside of China.
- The multisensory and interactive exhibit brings inspiration, science and technology together as visitors also hear the sounds and see the movements of 24 full-sized animatronic dinosaurs, 8 of them feathered. Visitors can see all of these creatures as they appeared and behaved when they roamed the Earth, from the familiar T. rex and Triceratops, including a feathered juvenile T. rex, to Stegosaurus, Protoceratops and many others. Visitors can control some of the animatronic dinosaurs by pressing simple buttons on consoles to create a series of movements. The life-sized Baryonyx, Stegosaurus, Allosaurus and juvenile Apatosaurus capture some of the most life-like motions ever created.
- Also featuring five fully-articulated, life-size skeletons (including the 62-foot long Omeisaurus) and more than 40 fossil replicas and eggs from the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods.
- The exhibit features a kids paleontological dig site—**DinoDig**—where visitors can uncover prehistoric fossils.
- Visitors to Science City in Union Station can experience the **DinoLab** where they can watch and interact with resident paleontologist, Matt Christopher, Kansas City's own "**Dino Matt**," while he and staff educators prepare real dinosaurs for display.
- "**Dinosaurs Alive! 3-D**" a thrilling film which takes visitors back into the early Triassic period to follow the tiniest dinosaurs to the largest creatures is also showing on the Regnier Extreme Screen.
- Additional programming, special events, a retail experience, youth birthday and slumber parties will be announced in late April. More information will also be released about a special **dinosaur-related astronomical experience** in the Gottlieb Planetarium.

Exhibit Location: Union Station, Bank of America Gallery, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Mo. 64108
Exhibit Hours: Tuesday—Saturday: 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.; Sunday: noon—5:00 p.m.
Admission: Adults 13-59: \$13.50; Seniors 60+, College Students with valid ID and Military personnel with valid ID: \$12.00; children 3–12: \$9.50; children 2 and under: FREE.
Groups of 15+: \$9.50 per person; and, Union Station members: Adults \$8.50; Children \$7.00.

- Visit dino.unionstation.org **NOW to register for a free ticket give-away**. Tickets go on sale to the general public Friday, April 9, 2010 at 10:00 am and may be purchased online or at Union Station's ticketing center.

LINKS:

- www.dino.unionstation.org
- www.dinosaursunearthed.com
- www.unionstation.org

QUOTES:

- “Union Station is excited to feature the largest, most interactive dinosaur exhibit in the history of Kansas City. Through life-like dinosaurs, the Station is bringing fun and education together through art and science in monumental proportions with *Dinosaurs Unearthed*. The sights, sounds and movements will thrill children of all ages and feature the latest in paleontological discoveries and animatronic technology,” said George M. Guastello II, President and CEO, Union Station Kansas City, Inc.
- “We are thrilled to host an exhibition that complements our Science City programs and features some of the world’s first life-sized feather-covered dinosaur models and feathered fossil replicas. Discovered in Asia in 1996, the Liaoning Province feathered fossils are the strongest evidence to date that modern day birds are actually descendents of theropods, which has been widely debated,” said Matt Christopher, Science City paleontologist. “I think visitors will really enjoy the ability to control the movements of some of the 24 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs to see how scientists believe each dinosaur moved its arms, tail, mouth and eyes.”

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About Union Station Kansas City, Inc.

Union Station Kansas City, Inc., is a historical landmark and civic asset renovated and reopened to the public in 1999. It features a science center, national traveling exhibits, the region’s only 3D giant screen movie theater, live theater, shops and restaurants. A bi-state cultural sales tax, the first of its kind in the country, funded nearly half of the \$250 million renovation. Remaining money was raised through private donations and federal funding. Union Station is a nonprofit 501c3 organization. Current operating costs are funded by general admission and theater ticketing, grants, private donations, commercial space leases and facility rental. The Station receives no public funding. It has partnered with the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, the University of Kansas and UMKC to offer additional programming. Union Station is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Union Station Kansas City, Inc. also operates the Kansas City Museum in Kansas City’s historic northeast neighborhood.