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Prehistoric Puppets Roar into the Jack Singer Concert Hall this Spring with Dinosaur World Live from Arts Commons Presents

August 25, 2023 - CALGARY – Lauded worldwide for its spectacular effects, *Dinosaur World Live* makes its Calgary debut with Arts Commons Presents this spring to amaze dinosaur lovers of all ages. Join **Arts Commons Presents** for **Dinosaur World Live** on **Friday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** at the **Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons**. Tickets now on sale at artscommons.ca/dinos.

Called a “spectacular interactive show” by OK Magazine that’s “a breathtaking prehistoric safari” from Mini Travellers, *Dinosaur World Live* takes playful storytelling and combines it with mind-boggling puppetry for an unmatched theatrical experience. The story revolves around Miranda, a young girl who has grown up on a far-off island where dinosaurs never went extinct. After the long journey to Calgary, she’s ready to meet some of her fellow dino fans young and old - and also to introduce them to a few of her prehistoric friends!

Featuring actual-sized, lifelike puppets, *Dinosaur World Live* utilizes state-of-the-art hand-crafted creations to bring dinosaurs to life on stage. Audiences will meet everything from the diminutive *Microraptor* to the mighty *Tyrannosaurus Rex*, which is nearly 10 metres long and takes four people to operate. The puppets are constructed out of lightweight materials so they can be lifted and manipulated by the *Dinosaur World Live*’s crew of puppeteers, allowing them to infuse the puppets with personality and naturalistic mannerisms.

“It’s an inspirational show – it fires the imagination and teaches you things you might not know about famous dinosaurs like T-rex and triceratops, but also introduces you to dinosaurs you might not have heard of like microraptor and segnosaurus,” says Director Derek Bond. *“My hope is that audiences will come out desperate to know more about dinosaurs, and with their imaginations working on all cylinders. It’s also interactive, encouraging the whole audience to get involved.”*

Dinosaur World Live has fast become an international smash hit following a hugely successful tour of the United States in 2019 visiting 35 cities across 19 states as well as three major UK tours, and a season at Regent’s Park Open-Air Theatre, Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre and Underbelly’s Wonderground Festival in London. Now it returns to North America for its Calgary debut, showcased on the Jack Singer Concert Hall stage.

“Dinosaur World Live is the kind of show that sparks the creative spirit, no matter your age. There’s something wonderful in seeing these larger-than-life puppets take over the stage and you very quickly forget that they’re not living, breathing dinosaurs. It’s the perfect way to introduce your family to the magic of live theatre,” says Stephanie Hutchinson, Associate Director of Presenting at Arts Commons.

Arts Commons Presents is thrilled to offer Calgarians a 2023-24 season of performances from around the world and close to home. Outside of its three signature series of BD&P World Stage, Classic Albums Live, and National Geographic Live, Arts Commons Presents also shares special presentations that are just too good to pass up! Starting with the all-star duo of **Ruben & Clay: *Twenty | The Tour* on Friday, September 29, 2023**, Arts Commons Presents invites you to experience Calgary’s celebrity songstress for ***A Jann Arden Christmas***

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on December 19 & 20, 2023, a unique orchestral performance narrated by Jann Arden, **National Geographic Film Concert: *Secrets of the Whales*** on April 21 - 23, 2024 and the interactive experience of ***Dinosaur World Live*** on May 24 & 25, 2024. To learn about all the shows in the 2023-24 season of Arts Commons Presents, visit acpresents.ca. ***Dinosaur World Live*** [video package available here for broadcasters](#).

What: Arts Commons Presents – Dinosaur World Live
When: Friday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. & Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons
Tickets: 403-294-9494 or visit <https://www.artsccommons.ca/dinos>

Arts Commons Presents wishes to express our sincere appreciation to our friends at The City of Calgary for their support of this special presentation.

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Arts Commons Presents invites you to discover the transformative power of the Arts. As the programming arm of Arts Commons, the largest performing arts centre in Western Canada, Arts Commons Presents is one manifestation of this mandate, achieved through the programming and presenting of our in-house series: BD&P World Stage, Classic Albums Live, National Geographic Live, TD Amplify Cabarets, as well as special presentations and our outdoor pop-up series, ArtsXpeditions. Through this work, we are able to do our part to further enrich our city, as well as create opportunities for Calgary-based artists to perform, exhibit, reach new audiences, and grow on a multitude of levels.

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that Arts Commons is located on the sacred land that is the original home of the Niitsitapi from the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Piikani, and Kanai First Nations); the Îyârhe Nakoda (Chiniki, Goodstoney/Kichipwot, and Bearspaw First Nations); and the Dene of the Tsuut'ina First Nation. This territory is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3 within the historical Northwest Métis homeland. We thank these Nations for sharing this land with us and commit to being good stewards of this land, while we are here. We welcome all who work, live, and play in, as well as honour and celebrate this historic territory.