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Join the Dinosaur rEvolution at the Horniman

Visit Dinosaur rEvolution – opening at the Horniman in February 2024 – and change the way you think about dinosaurs forever.

The first UK showing of Dinosaur rEvolution highlights discoveries from recent decades which have changed the way we picture dinosaurs – not all as scaly green reptiles but many with an array of colours, feathers, quills and spikes.

The colourful and fascinating exhibition also shows how prehistoric dinosaurs and modern-day birds are related, and poses the question ‘Did *T. rex* have feathers?’

Five large animatronic dinosaur models – including a 7m-long *Tyrannosaurus* – are the stars of the show, alongside vibrant and detailed artworks by artist and exhibition curator Luis V. Rey. Also included are touchable fossil casts, dino games, dressing-up and more.

Among the dinosaur specimens on display are casts of the horned skull of a *Diabloceratops*, the claw of a *Therizinosaurus*, and skeletons of *Velociraptor* and *Compsognathus* – a chicken-sized, feathered dinosaur.

Louis Buckley, Senior Curator at the Horniman Museum and Gardens, says: ‘It’s amazing we now have fossils that show us that some dinosaurs were covered in feathers. This exhibition really brings to life dinosaurs in all their diversity – feathers, scales, spikes and all – and reveals the incredible fact that dinosaurs are still very much with us, in the birds we see every day.’

Dinosaur rEvolution is a travelling exhibition produced by Gondwana Studios.

Dinosaur rEvolution opens at the Horniman on Saturday 10 February 2024 and runs until Sunday 3 November. Tickets will be on sale from January at [horniman.ac.uk](https://www.horniman.ac.uk).

Horniman Members and Benefactors enjoy free, unlimited entry.

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Alongside the exhibition, the Horniman will also be offering:

- **A dinosaur-based children's craft activity for February half term.** The 'Create your own clay dinosaur sculpture' workshops, delivered by expert ceramicists Maison S Sommet from Peckham, will run four times a day, from Monday 12 to Thursday 15 February.
- **A relaxed opening of Dinosaur rEvolution** for neurodivergent families or families who need a quieter environment when visiting the Horniman.

See [horniman.ac.uk](https://www.horniman.ac.uk) for more information, times and booking details for both.

Ends

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Pictured: Young visitors meet one of the animatronic models in Dinosaur rEvolution. Dunedin, NZ. Credit: Paul Dear.

Save the date: A media view of the exhibition will be held on Wednesday 14 February 2024, from 8.30am. Email press@horniman.ac.uk to reserve your place.

Notes to Editors:

- Gondwana Studios is the trusted provider of world-class museum displays and traveling exhibitions designed to captivate and educate audiences of all ages. With our expertise, we engage audiences globally, captivating over a million people annually across national and international markets. [gondwanastudios.com](https://www.gondwanastudios.com)
- Luis V. Rey is a Spanish-Mexican artist residing in London. With a Visual Arts MA from San Carlos Academy (UNAM), Mexico, he has been a Symbolist and Surrealist painter, sculptor and amateur paleontologist for most of his life and a professional illustrator for more than 30 years. He is currently devoting most of his time to nature illustration and paleontological reconstructions, and is a contributing scientist for Dinosaur rEvolution, as well as contributing the artworks featured in the exhibition. [luisvrey.blog](https://www.luisvrey.blog)
- **The Natural History Gallery will close for redevelopment from Monday 4 March 2024** as part of our [Nature + Love](#) project (with the Balcony in the gallery closing earlier, from 8 January). The last chance to visit and see the Horniman walrus will be Sunday 3 March. The gallery will reopen in 2026.
- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** was [Art Fund Museum of the Year 2022](#), the world's largest museum prize.
- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** opened in 1901 as a gift to the people in perpetuity from tea trader and philanthropist Frederick John Horniman, to 'bring the world to Forest Hill'. Today the Horniman has a collection of 350,000 objects, specimens and artefacts from around the world. Its galleries include natural history, music and an acclaimed aquarium, alongside a World Gallery of anthropology and a flexible arts and exhibition space, The Studio. Indoor exhibits link to the award-winning display gardens – from medicinal and dye gardens to an interactive sound garden, Butterfly House and an animal walk – set among 16 acres of beautiful, green space offering spectacular views across London. [horniman.ac.uk](https://www.horniman.ac.uk)
- The **Horniman Museum and Gardens** relies on income from ticket sales, memberships, the shop and the Café to help care for the Gardens, animals and Aquarium residents, to run events and to look after the collections. The support of our visitors and donors is hugely appreciated. [horniman.ac.uk/support-us](https://www.horniman.ac.uk/support-us)
- The **Horniman Museum and Gardens** is core-funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and since 1990 has been governed by an independent charitable trust, registered charity no. 802725.

- On 29 July 2019 the **Horniman Museum and Gardens declared an ecological and climate emergency**, pledging to place carbon reduction and environmental issues at the heart of its work. The declaration – and the subsequent **Climate and Ecological Manifesto**, published in January 2020 – is a consolidation of existing work and a commitment to renewed ambitions to reduce the Horniman’s environmental and pollution footprint, increase biodiversity, and inspire others to do so. Find out more about the Horniman’s manifesto commitments and progress so far at horniman.ac.uk/climate.