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DINOSAUR MUSEUM

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Fine art and fossils connect in latest special exhibit

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On Saturday, January 13, 2018, the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum's newest temporary exhibit, *Fossil Country on Canvas: The Hinton Trail Paintings of Robert Guest*, officially opened to the public.

"It's a great honour to have played a part in bringing together this fusion of art and science, all of which have direct ties to the land around us," said Derek Larson, the museum's assistant curator and one of the developers of the exhibit.

The exhibit showcases selections of the late local artist Robert Guest's northwestern Albertan landscape paintings and connects them with prehistoric fossils discovered in those same areas.

"We have received a great deal of positive feedback from the general public about the pairing of these works of art with the palaeontological finds associated with them," said the museum's executive director Susan Hunter. "Seeing what is above the surface with the beautiful landscapes of the Peace Region is inspiring on its own, and when we couple it with the treasures found beneath those landscapes in the way of fossils and bones, it adds an extra element that further enhances our experience of that same land."

An opening reception was held at the museum on Friday, January 12 to celebrate the new exhibit and was attended by over 100 guests who had expressed interest in the event.

Access to the special exhibit, located in the museum's Rotary Room, is now open to the public and is included in the regular admission fee to the galleries, but will only be available for a limited amount of time. Interested visitors are encouraged to see the exhibit at their earliest convenience.

More information about *Fossil Country on Canvas: The Hinton Trail Paintings of Robert Guest* can be found on the museum's official website at dinomuseum.ca/exhibits/temporary-exhibits.

About the museum

The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum – a 41,000 square foot world-class facility named for Canada's preeminent palaeontologist and highlighting the rich fossil resources of Northern



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Alberta – opened its doors to the public on September 26, 2015. It is Canada’s second devoted dinosaur museum, and is located 19 kilometres west of the City of Grande Prairie in the Town of Wembley.

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