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THE LATE JURASSIC PERIOD COMES ALIVE AT TORONTO PEARSON

GTAA launches contest to name two dinosaurs at the new Terminal 1 display

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TORONTO - The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) has unveiled a new display at Toronto Pearson that will take passengers back to a time when pterodactyls travelled the skies instead of airplanes. The prehistoric display, *A Scene from the Late Jurassic*, is sure to thrill international airport travellers and visitors with two dinosaurs, courtesy of the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). The unique display is now open to the public in Terminal 1's international arrivals area, which includes the scene of a large Allosaurus bearing down on an Othnielia that has tripped to the ground.

"We know our visitors will appreciate the excitement the dinosaurs bring to Toronto Pearson," said Lloyd McCoomb, GTAA President and CEO. "In addition, the GTAA is excited to work with the ROM, one of Toronto's premier cultural institutions, in making visitors feel welcome and in stimulating their interest in visiting the ROM and the other wonderful tourist attractions Toronto has to offer. We look forward to working with others in the arts and culture field to make the airport, which is essentially the front door to the city, an experience to remember."

Ever since these two dinosaurs roamed the earth approximately 150 million years ago, they have been without given names. With help from the community, that is about to change. The GTAA is launching a contest to find names for the new dinosaurs. Please visit www.gtaa.com/artprogram for details.

"This kind of engaging exhibit creates a sense of arrival for our visitors," said David Whitaker, Tourism Toronto President and CEO. "For passengers arriving to Toronto, the art program at the airport is the first hint of what to expect on the rest of their trip."

The dinosaur display, which will remain at Toronto Pearson until 2012, is part of the GTAA Art and Exhibitions Program, which offers a wide variety of engaging exhibits. The GTAA works to promote the Greater Toronto Area's reputation as an important cultural destination.

The GTAA is the non-share, not-for-profit authority that operates Toronto Pearson. All revenue generated by the GTAA is reinvested back into the airport. In 2007, 31.5 million passengers travelled through Toronto Pearson.

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