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DinoNite at the State  
Museum

Columbia, S.C. --- Local residents have reported strange sounds coming from the South Carolina State Museum after dark. Could it be dinosaurs on the prowl from the Museum's exhibit *Dinosaurs: Mesozoic Monsters*? Potential paleontologists and other curious dinosaur fans will be able to bring their flashlights and find out Friday evening, Jan. 22 from 6 – 10 p.m. at “DinoNite at the State Museum.”

Families can spend an enjoyable winter evening with a great movie, snacks and the chance to see the Museum after hours. Registration begins at 6 p.m. followed by a screening of the classic dinosaur movie “Jurassic Park” with Jeff Goldblum, Sam Neill and Laura Dern at 6:30 p.m. Included with admission, guests will receive a bag of popcorn to enjoy during the film. Drinks and other snacks also will be available for purchase.

“After the movie, participants can get out their flashlights (they can bring theirs or buy ours) and tour the darkened State Museum galleries, including the blockbuster exhibit *Dinosaurs: Mesozoic Monsters*,” said Director of Education and Programs Meika Samuel. “This 6500-square-foot exhibit features 14 life-size moving and roaring robotic

dinosaurs and many hands-on features, so DinoNite offers a perfect chance to explore the exhibit before it leaves the State Museum on Feb. 28.

“Plus, the exhibit features not only the impressive robots and hands-on features, but also South Carolina dinosaur fossils,” said Samuel. “I think people will be surprised to find that not all dinosaurs were large, and that South Carolina is a hard place to find dinosaur remains.”

Recommended for ages 8 and up, admission to the event is \$15 general public (\$10 for members of the State Museum). For more information, call Public Programs at 803-898-4952 or visit [www.southcarolinastatemuseum.org](http://www.southcarolinastatemuseum.org).

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#### CUTLINE FOR DINO NITE AT THE STATE MUSEUM

Dinosaur lovers can get a whole new slant on these fascinating ancient creatures with flashlight tours, the movie “Jurassic Park” and more fun from 6-10 p.m. Jan. 22 at the South Carolina State Museum during “Dino Nite at the State Museum.”

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