

Dinosaurs! on BBC Knowledge in January



To coincide with the highly anticipated launch of *Walking with Dinosaurs: The Movie* in cinemas on January 1 2014, BBC Knowledge is dedicating the month of January to dinosaurs. Programmes to stomp onto the small screen in January include the original *Walking with Dinosaurs* television series, *Planet Dinosaur* and *How to Build a Dinosaur* featuring Dr. Alice Roberts.

Tim Christlieb, Head of Channels, BBC Worldwide ANZ comments “The release of *Walking with Dinosaurs: The Movie* is a fantastic opportunity for BBC Knowledge to celebrate these amazing animals. Just in time for the school holidays, viewers can look forward to some family-friendly dinosaur programming throughout January on BBC Knowledge.”

Walking with Dinosaurs: The Movie is a fictional story inspired by the original BBC television series which has now been seen by over 700 million people around the world. The 3D family feature gives audiences the world over the chance to see incredible, lifelike dinosaurs in 3D on the big screen.

Programme overview

Walking with Dinosaurs

Sundays at 4:30pm from January 5 on BBC Knowledge (3 x 60’)

Using leading-edge computer technology and animatronics, this epic series shows dinosaurs as never before - letting us travel back in time to watch living, breathing dinosaurs in their natural habitat. Tracing the 160-million-year history of dinosaurs, from their first appearance to their abrupt demise, *Walking with Dinosaurs* makes that distant world seem just as if it existed today.

Planet Dinosaur

Sundays at 5:30pm from January 5 on BBC Knowledge (3 x 60’)

Transporting viewers to locations across the globe and back in time through hundreds of millions of years, *Planet Dinosaur* uses unique hi-tech graphics to bring to life the most awesome and amazing creatures that ever lived. Presenting a brand-new global perspective on the prehistoric era, the series re-creates the creatures, their habitats and how they lived, from analysing their bones to watching them fight to the death.

How to Build a Dinosaur (First on Foxtel)

Sunday January 26 at 5:30pm on BBC Knowledge (1 x 60)

Reconstructing a dinosaur skeleton for a museum is a balance between art and science - enough science to keep the experts happy, enough artistic licence to excite the visitors. But getting that balance right is a tricky diplomatic, as well as scientific, process. In this programme, presenter and anatomist Dr Alice Roberts follows the entire reconstruction of Los Angeles Natural History Museum's Summer 2011 dinosaur exhibit from the raw bones to the final colossal models.

Programmes are currently available to view on the BBC Worldwide Press Preview site, <http://www.bbcworldwidepreviews.com>. Access to the site can be requested from the home page.

Images and synopses are available to download from the BBC Worldwide Media Site: www.bbcmedia.com.au

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About *Walking with Dinosaurs: The Movie*

Walking with Dinosaurs: The Movie is a major new blockbuster presented by Twentieth Century Fox and Reliance Entertainment in association with IM Global. A BBC Earth and Evergreen Studios production in association with Animal Logic, the film will be in cinemas on the 1st January. Using backdrops filmed in New Zealand and visual effects from Sydney based Animal Logic, *Walking with Dinosaurs: The Movie* is the ultimate immersive, big screen adventure for families. Inspired by the latest scientific discoveries and using cutting edge technology the film will introduce new and unique dinosaurs that are more real than ever before and put moviegoers in the middle of a thrilling prehistoric adventure, where an underdog dinosaur triumphs against all odds to become a hero for the ages.

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