



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Museum of Discovery and Science Opens *Here Be Dragons*, Presented by Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Beginning on Saturday, May 22

The community is invited to the Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Exhibit Preview on Friday, May 21, at 10 a.m.

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (April 7, 2021) – *Here Be Dragons*, the newest traveling exhibit at the **Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS)**, will fly into the Museum on **Saturday, May 22, 2021**. The exhibit, presented by **Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital**, will run through **Monday, September 6, 2021**. An official ribbon cutting is scheduled for **Friday, May 21, at 10 a.m., with Joseph P. Cox**, president & CEO of MODS and **Caitlin Stella**, CEO of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

Enter into the legendary realm of giant flying lizards. Visitors to MODS can celebrate the mythical fire-breathing beasts from dragon lore and meet 10 species of their living wildlife cousins. These creatures serve as ambassadors for education, conservation and cultures around the world.

“Our mission at MODS is to connect people to inspiring, and in this case, fire-breathing science through immersive, innovative and experiential discovery,” said **Cox**. “Fascination with prehistoric creatures never becomes extinct, and *Here Be Dragons* provides the opportunity to connect and celebrate the lives of dragons through history, paleontology, pop culture and much more.”

The *Here Be Dragons* experience at MODS is free with Museum admission and includes:

- Exploration of three “Dragon Realms” - Medieval, Asian and Dragons in Paleontology (Dinosaurs!)
- 10 species of live lizards, including the albino green iguana, plumed basilisk, black throat monitor, European legless lizard, roughneck monitor, Egyptian uromastyx, Chinese water dragon, frilled dragon, bearded dragon and clubtail iguana.
- Visit the AutoNation IMAX Theater and see *Dino Dana The Movie*, *Galapagos 3D* and *Dinosaurs of Antarctica* IMAX documentary films.
- A stomp through MODS' Prehistoric Florida exhibit to see other unbelievable animals from the past.
- A visit to the Ecoscapes exhibit to see several amazing reptiles native to Florida.
- Guests can also tune into MODS' free distance learning BECON show, Carnivorous Creatures, on May 19, 2021, on Channel 63 or Xfinity Channel 19.

Stella stated, “Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital combines advanced technology and the expertise of the largest, most diverse group of board-certified pediatric specialists in the region. Through this exciting partnership with MODS, we are thrilled to come together through science to engage, educate and support the growth and development of children of all ages.”

The exhibit will be open to the public May 22, 2021 through September 5, 2021. Admission to the exhibits is included with purchase of a ticket to MODS. For more information, please visit mods.org.

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ABOUT JOE DIMAGGIO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL:

Established in 1992, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital combines advanced technology and the expertise of the largest, most diverse group of board-certified pediatric specialists in the region. With its summer 2011 expansion, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital now has 226 beds and is South Florida's newest freestanding children's hospital. Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital is part of Memorial Healthcare System, one of the largest public healthcare systems in the country. It has pediatric specialty practices serving Hollywood, Boca Raton, Coral Springs, Miramar, and Weston, along with the latest addition of the Joe DiMaggio Children's Health Specialty Center in Wellington. For more information about Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, visit jdch.com.

ABOUT MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE:

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today MODS is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. In addition to daily hours, MODS is currently offering virtual and offsite programming, which allows us to continue connecting people around the globe to inspiring science - whether at home or in virtual classrooms. The Museum showcases more than 300 interactive exhibits, immersive films, experiential programs and an aviation-themed Makerspace. MODS currently offers virtual and offsite programs including boredom-busting experiences for children, families and adults - whether at home or in virtual classrooms. Families can enjoy super science shows and demonstrations, wild Creature Feature animal encounters, awesome avatar tours and private experiences, mind-blowing Makerspace labs, cool camps, unforgettable birthday parties, engaging field trips and STEM curricula, professional development workshops for educators, distinguished speakers, and more.

The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes visitors from all walks of life. The Museum hours are Mondays until May 31 (Memorial Day): Closed to the Public; Tuesday–Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Starting May 31 (Memorial Day), the Museum will be open Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m.-5 p.m. For more information about the Museum, please visit mods.org or call 954.467.MODS (6637).

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