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Berkshire Museum’s 11-foot Triceratops model moves to the EcoTarium in Worcester

[Pittsfield, Mass.] - Uncle Beazley, the Triceratops model that has long been a favorite of young visitors to the Berkshire Museum, moved to a new home on Thursday, September 13. The dinosaur model, along with four smaller models, was originally made for a popular 1968 film called The Enormous Egg. The smaller models will remain in Pittsfield, and the 11-foot-long Triceratops will now reside at the EcoTarium museum of science and nature in Worcester, MA. The Berkshire Museum is pleased that members of the Worcester community will be able to enjoy Uncle Beazley now and for many years to come.

About Uncle Beazley

On the evening of April 18, 1968, an estimated 32 million people tuned in to watch The Enormous Egg, a television adaptation of Oliver Butterworth’s 1956 book of the same name. In the story, a boy discovers a huge egg which hatches into a baby Triceratops, which he names Uncle Beazley.

Six fiberglass models made by Louis Paul Jonas Studio in Hudson, N.Y. were used in the National Broadcasting Co. production. The 25-foot-long full-size model was donated to the Smithsonian by the Sinclair Oil Company (known for their dinosaur logo) and has had many homes over the years, most recently at the National Zoo. The five smaller models were donated to the Berkshire Museum in 1979 by George A. Heinemann, a producer of the show.

The five models given to the Berkshire Museum illustrated the story of The Enormous Egg from egg to adolescent dinosaur. The largest model, 11 feet in length and weighing approximately 200 pounds, was regularly on view as part of the Museum’s Dinosaurs
and Paleontology exhibition from 1980 through 2014. In October 2014 the largest Uncle Beazley model was loaned to the Berkshire Athenaeum and was on display in a courtyard adjacent to the children’s section of the library. It has been transferred to the EcoTarium and is now on view there.

The four Triceratops models that remain at the Berkshire Museum include a foot-long just-hatched baby Triceratops; a 3-foot baby Triceratops; a 5-foot young Triceratops; and the egg.

About the Berkshire Museum
Located in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, at 39 South St., the Berkshire Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $13 adult, $6 child; Museum members and children age 3 and under enjoy free admission. For more information, visit www.berkshiremuseum.org or call 413.443.7171.

Established by Zenas Crane in 1903, Berkshire Museum integrates art, history, and natural science in a wide range of programs and exhibitions that inspire educational connections between the disciplines. Josh Simpson: Galactic Landscapes is on view through January 6, 2019. Curiosity Incubator and Objects and their Stories are now on view. Little Cinema is open year-round. Lab 102, Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation, Worlds in Miniature, Aquarium, and other exhibits are ongoing.

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