

***Dinosaurs!* A Netflix Original Documentary Series**

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This is the 1,514th event in Koerner Hall

Anthony Morgan, host

Barry Revill, director

Dr. David C. Evans, Royal Ontario Museum

Musicians of The Taylor Academy

The arrival of the dinosaurs heralded a golden age of iconic creatures who would stalk the earth for over 100 million years. Beneath their feet, new characters were appearing as other dynasties flourished in this fertile new world. With the arrival of the first flowers, life became more colourful, triggering breathtaking new forms of diversity. Insects became social, dinosaurs evolved feathers, and the first true mammals emerged in the shadows. Ruling over them all were giants like Tyrannosaurus Rex. This lecture brings those stories to life and gives us unique insight in what we know about the dinosaurs today.

Anthony Morgan is an award-winning science communicator, PhD researcher, game designer, entrepreneur, and host of *The Nature of Things* on *CBC Television*. He is obsessed with changing how people see, think, talk about, and use science in their everyday lives. To that end, he has worked closely with numerous public-facing institutions including the Canadian Association of Science Centres, universities, media influencers, municipalities, and the federal government to build public-facing tools for engaging the new science and technology of our times.

Barry Revill has filmed in some of the most extreme corners of the world throughout his career, including on Mount Everest, deep in the Congo, and even under the North Pole on a military submarine. His work includes *Animal Odd Couples* for *BBC One*, which achieved ratings of nearly six million, making it one of the highest rated specialist factual shows of 2013. Barry also directed many episodes of *River Monsters*, which is the best-performing series in the network history of *Animal Planet*, including the opening episode and *River Monsters 3D – Pack of Teeth*, which was nominated for Best 3D at Wildscreen International Film Festival.

Dr. David C. Evans leads the Department of Natural History as the Co-Chief Curator, holds the Temerty Chair in Vertebrate Palaeontology, and oversees dinosaur research at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). He is also an Associate Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Toronto. David is an Ontario-born researcher who is recognized globally as an authority on the rich dinosaur fossil record of Canada, and on the mass extinction event that marked the end of the Age of Dinosaurs. As a curator, David helped develop the ROM's dinosaur galleries, and was Lead Curator of the major travelling exhibition *Ultimate Dinosaurs*. He has been featured on numerous television shows, and most recently, David was co-creator of the HISTORY series *Dino Hunt Canada*. David's research focuses on the evolution, ecology, and diversity of dinosaurs, and their relationship to environmental changes leading up to the end Cretaceous mass extinction event. Active in the field, he has participated in expeditions all over the world, including Africa, Mongolia, and Canada, and has helped discover 10 new dinosaur species in the last five years – including the remarkable horned dinosaur *Wendiceratops* from southern Alberta, and the wickedly armoured *Zuul* named after the *Ghostbusters* movie monster.

Opened in 1914, the **Royal Ontario Museum** showcases art, culture, and nature from around the world and across the ages. Among the top 10 cultural institutions in North America, Canada's largest and most comprehensive museum is home to a world-class collection of 18 million artworks, cultural objects, and natural history specimens, featured in 40 gallery and exhibition spaces. As the country's preeminent field research institute and an international

leader in new discoveries, ROM plays a vital role in advancing our understanding of the artistic, cultural, and natural world. Combining its original heritage architecture with the contemporary Daniel Libeskind-designed Michael Lee-Chin Crystal, ROM serves as a national landmark, and a dynamic cultural destination in the heart of Toronto for all to enjoy.

All of tonight's speakers are appearing for the first time at The Royal Conservatory.