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DINOSAUR 13



A Film by Todd Miller

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SHORT SYNOPSIS

When Paleontologist Peter Larson and his team from the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research made the world's greatest dinosaur discovery in 1990, they knew it was the find of a lifetime; the largest, most complete T. Rex ever found. But during a ten-year battle with the U.S. government, powerful museums, Native American tribes, and competing paleontologists, they found themselves not only fighting to keep their dinosaur but fighting for their freedom as well.

LONG SYNOPSIS

On August 12, 1990, in the badlands of South Dakota, paleontologist Peter Larson and his team from the Black Hills Institute unearthed the largest, most complete Tyrannosaurus rex ever found. It was the find of a lifetime—the world's greatest dinosaur discovery. They named their dinosaur Sue. Two years later, when the FBI and the National Guard showed up, battle lines were drawn over ownership of Sue. The U.S. government, world-class museums, Native American tribes, and competing paleontologists became the Goliath to Larson's David as he and his team fought to keep their dinosaur and wrestled with intimidation tactics that threatened their freedom as well. Dinosaur 13 chronicles an unprecedented saga in American history and details the fierce battle to possess a 65-million-year-old treasure. With consummate skill, filmmaker Todd Miller excavates layer after layer, exposing human emotion in a dramatic tale that is as complex as it is fascinating.

Director's Statement – TODD MILLER

My favorite part of visiting the American Museum of Natural History in New York is walking down the Helibrunn Cosmic Pathway which wraps around the outside of the Hayden Planetarium. It is 360ft long, and every step you take represents millions of years in the universe's 13-billion-year history. At the very end is the Age of the Dinosaurs, and just a little further down is an actual human hair, representing the duration of human existence. The width of a human hair. It puts things in perspective.

That's what this film, and its subjects, did for me. It put things in perspective. Our existence can be measured in a blink of an eye. And why we wonder about what came before us and what will come after us, one principle that makes us all unique in this precious moment of time is the principle of the human condition... the way in which we treat each other, and the way in which we treat the time and space we exist in.

Dinosaur 13 chronicles the human element inside the time and space of an unprecedented saga in American history, but the film is much more of a profound statement on the question of existence and what it means to be living in our time.

ABOUT THE FILMMAKERS:

Todd Douglas Miller

Producer / Director / Editor

Todd Douglas Miller has been making films and short-form content for over a decade. His films include Gahanna Bill and Scaring the Fish. His short-form work has won numerous international and national awards. Todd Miller has been making films and short-form content for more than a decade. His films include Gahanna Bill and Scaring the Fish. His work with shorts has won numerous international and national awards, including CINE Golden Eagle, Telly, Aurora, and Axiem awards. Dinosaur 13 is his first feature-length documentary. He lives in Brooklyn.

Thomas Petersen

Director of Photography

Thomas Petersen is a filmmaker and photographer. Dinosaur 13 is his first feature-length documentary.

Matt Morton

Music Composer

Matt Morton is a composer, multi-instrumentalist, and engineer/producer. He was a founding member of the band The Shantee, and has created music in numerous styles for everything from feature-length films to international ad campaigns. His film credits include Scaring the Fish and Beauty of the Fight.

END CREDITS

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