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## Connecticut Science Center to Open “Flying Monsters 3D”

### *Prehistoric adventures abound with opening of “Dinosaurs Unearthed” exhibit and “Flying Monsters 3D” film*

**Hartford, CT-** March 29, 2012- For thousands of years, humans have believed that there were once flying monsters. But did they really exist beyond our nightmares? Beginning on April 6, the Connecticut Science Center will explore this question with the opening of “Flying Monsters 3D,” a new adventure film from award-winning Atlantic Productions, in association with Sky 3D, and distributed by National Geographic Entertainment.

Showing in the Hoffman Foundation Science Theater, the film uses 3D and CGI technology to immerse audiences in a prehistoric world inhabited by pterosaurs, flying vertebrates with a wingspan of up to 45 feet that lived alongside dinosaurs. “Flying Monsters 3D” was produced by filmmaker Anthony Geffen and narrated by veteran filmmaker and renowned naturalist Sir David Attenborough.

Sponsored by Connecticut Business Systems, a Xerox company, *Flying Monsters in 3D* gives visitors a look back 220 million years ago, when dinosaurs were beginning their domination of the Earth. The movie experience is an extension of the Science Center’s new prehistoric adventure, coinciding with the opening of the major new *Dinosaurs Unearthed* exhibit also on April 6.

Applying the same state-of-the-art 3D CGI technology that was used in “Avatar,” “Flying Monsters” also will employ pioneering scientific techniques that reveal new details about pterosaurs. The film shows how Pterosaurs, making an evolutionary leap, were taking control of the skies. The story of how and why these mysterious creatures took to the air is more fantastic than fiction. From discovering Pterosaur embryos that show they might have flown from birth to figuring out how a creature of its size could possibly fly, “Flying Monsters” resolves mysteries that have intrigued scientists for more than two centuries.

“It’s almost as if this animated 3D technology was created to tell our story,” said the film’s maker, Anthony Geffen. “With a pterosaur’s eye-view of a hyper-real prehistoric Earth in 3D CGI, our audience will see the challenges of survival, including courtship, flying and hunting.

The idea that these monstrous lizards defied gravity to soar through prehistoric skies is one of science’s enduring mysteries. Driven by the information he finds as he attempts to unearth the answers, Attenborough as the narrator begins piecing together the clues. He discovers that the awesome sight of a pterosaur flight has evolutionary repercussions that resonate into the present.

“3D is a wonderful way of seeing the world as the Pterosaurs did,” said Attenborough. “Pterosaurs are the most unlikely of creatures, but they dominated the skies for millions of years, and now this film will enable us to fly in 3D with them, the largest flying creatures the world has ever known.”

Tickets for Flying Monsters and other movies can be purchased at the ticket counter along with general admission tickets. The traveling exhibit *Dinosaurs Unearthed* is included with the price of general admission or Membership.

The Hoffman Foundation Science Theater is located on the lobby level in the Connecticut Science Center. Trailers and show times for all of the Connecticut Science Center’s 3D movies are available at [www.CTScienceCenter.org/movies](http://www.CTScienceCenter.org/movies).

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