Velociraptor vs. Protoceratops 'Fighting Dinosaurs' *Fossil Replicas*

Genus - Species
Velociraptor mongoliensis
Protoceratops andrewsi

Age: Early Cretaceous 80 MYA
Locality: Mongolia Gobi Desert

Velociraptor vs. *Protoceratops* "Fighting Dinosaurs" is a recreation of an actual discovery in Mongolia. This exciting and dramatic exhibit features the skeletons locked in mortal combat!

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Specimen Background

During the Polish-Mongolian paleontological expedition to the Gobi Desert of Mongolia, in 1971, an articulated *Velociraptor mongoliensis* skeleton was found with hands and feet grasping a *Protoceratops andrewsi*. Evidence suggests that these two dinosaurs were indeed killed simultaneously, smothered by sand, possibly during a powerful windstorm. The active predatory nature of velociraptor is graphically illustrated as it grasps its prey with its forelimbs, while kicking and racking the underside of the neck and chest with its hindlimbs. The *Protoceratops* is believed to have adopted a crouching behavior during sandstorms that the *Velociraptor* was aware of, and used to its advantage. The *Protoceratops* was discovered in a semi-erect stance with the *Velociraptor*'s right forelimb clutched between its jaws in a desperate fight for survival. Their discovery reveals a snapshot in time, of the life and death predatory struggle, of these ancient adversaries.

Replica Details

Our re-creation of this spectacular discovery has been produced with cast replicas of *Velociraptor mongoliensis* and *Protoceratops andrewsi*. We positioned our skeletons in poses very similar to the original scene. The mount is hand painted in realistic colors, and cast in a high quality foam resin. Replica can be mounted on a raised platform or a custom easel could be fabricated for display.

Overall Size

Replica is approximately 80 inches (2 m) long x 38 inches (1 m) wide x 12 inches (.3 m) at highest point

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"Fighting Dinosaurs" can also be purchased as a 'dig scene' for future paleontologists to try out their skills uncovering this snapshot of the past.