

**For Immediate Release**

## **“Kids Just Wanna Have Fun” at Ontario Place**

*Park Opens For the Season, Saturday May 3rd at 10:00 a.m.*

**TORONTO, April 30, 2008** – On May 3rd Ontario Place will launch another action packed season with a fun and exciting family-friendly schedule of events, entertainers and attractions!

Don't miss **Pizza Pizza® Opening Weekends** on **May 3 & 4** and **May 10 & 11**. Come to the park to redeem your **Toronto Star Play All Day Pass®** coupons, available at **Pizza Pizza®** for just \$5.00.

### **Treehouse! Live Stage**

Another fun-filled lineup for the little ones is on the way for the summer of 2008! This year marks the 20th anniversary of everyone's favourite purple dinosaur, Barney! Barney will make his appearance on opening weekend to kick off a season that is chock-full of performances that kids will be sure to remember. Other performers this year include Bob the Builder, Toopy & Binoo, Markus, Douglas John, The Big Comfy Couch, and a whole lot more!

### **Canada Dry Festival of Fire**

Toronto's largest fireworks festival is back. Celebrating the cultural diversity of our Province, Ontario Place welcomes regional celebrations and displays from South Asia on June 28th, Canada on July 1st, and Latin America on July 3rd, culminating with the Grand Finale on July 5th! For reserved grandstand seats, call Ticketmaster at 416-870-8000.

### **Canada's Tallest Tipping Bucket is back soaking visitors with more than 1,000 litres of water every few minutes!**

Don't miss **Soak City®** Toronto's only downtown waterpark featuring the tallest tipping bucket in Canada and safe water play area that boasts 13,500 active litres of water per minute, spraying, squirting and delighting kids of all ages. **Soak City®** opens for the Summer May 17th (weather permitting).

### **Rogers Chinese Lantern Festival**

This amazing cultural tradition continues, as artisans of the Chinese Colour Lantern Museum from the city of Zigong, China arrive at Ontario Place to create the largest, most beautiful lanterns you will ever see! This year the festival's scope broadens with a tribute to some of the world's most mesmerizing architectural wonders, animals, and dinos!

### **Guaranteed Weather!**

Ontario Place takes the risk out of cloudy days. If you've purchased a **Toronto Star Play All Day Pass®** and it rains continuously for **just one hour**, we'll give you a **FREE Toronto Star Play All Day Pass®** to come back another day. What could be better than risk-free weather?

For general information, call 1-866-ONE-4-FUN or 416-314-9900, or visit [www.ontarioplace.com](http://www.ontarioplace.com).

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## **Ontario Place's State-Of-The-Art Cinesphere® Goes Prehistoric**

*Experience the incredible size and strength of Dinosaurs: Giants of Patagonia*

**TORONTO, April 30, 2008** – Starting May 3, visitors can travel back millions of years, to a time when the most spectacular dinosaurs roamed the earth. Ontario Place is thrilled to announce the latest addition to its Cinesphere® line-up, the large-format documentary, *Dinosaurs: Giants of Patagonia*.

*Dinosaurs: Giants of Patagonia* gives audiences a special glimpse of how the dinosaur era came to an end, 65 million years ago, and how their legacy still lives on today in their descendants; the many species of birds that make the planet their home.

The movie focuses on the remarkable discoveries made in Patagonia, in south Argentina, by world-renowned paleontologist Rodolfo Coria. As director of a dinosaur museum in the city of Plaza Huinca, Coria was responsible for discovering some of the largest dinosaurs ever found: *Argentinosaurus*, a giant herbivore that could reach 100 tons and 120-feet in length, making it the biggest animal ever to walk the earth, and *Gigantosaurus*, a 15-meter long meat-eating predator that was bigger than the famous *Tyrannosaurus Rex*.

Deeply rooted in science, the film takes the audience through the lives of these two immense creatures from birth. The intensity and breathtaking scenery of the landscapes, shot in some of the most stunning locations in Patagonia, are something to behold.

*Dinosaurs: Giants of Patagonia* will begin showing at the Ontario Place Cinesphere® on Opening Day, May 3, 2008. Other films currently playing at the IMAX® Theatre includes, *Mysteries of Egypt*, *Wild Safari: A South African Adventure*, *Adrenaline Rush*, and many more. All Cinesphere® films are included as part of your **Toronto Star Play All Day Pass®**.

For information on show times and other Cinesphere® films please call 1-866-ONE-4-FUN or 416-314-9900, or visit [www.ontarioplace.com](http://www.ontarioplace.com).

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# News • Communiqué

**FACT SHEET • MAKING ONTARIO PLACE GREENER**

Ontario Place is committed to increasing the environmental sustainability of the park through the use of green technologies and other activities. Our goal is to reduce our existing carbon footprint by recycling matter whenever possible and reducing our energy consumption. In addition, all new development will be carbon neutral by reductions in other areas.

**Fact:** Over the summer of 2008, Ontario Place will be installing low flush toilets and hands free dryers in all public washrooms.

**Fact:** Ontario Place is undertaking a multi-year beautification plan to reforest the site and improve the flow of water through the park.

**Fact:** Ontario Place Recycles. 100% of the garbage at Ontario Place is sorted. Ontario Place sends all their garbage to Turtle Island Recycling for sorting into recycling, composting and waste.

**Fact:** Ontario Place makes the water go further. Ontario Place uses water from Lake Ontario to cool the Cinesphere and pavilions, to wash down our park and water the grass and flowers.

**Fact:** Ontario Place conserves water. Soak City<sup>®</sup>, Toronto's only downtown waterpark, filters, treats and reuses water in the Waterplay area, Rush River Raft Ride, Purple Pipeline, Pink Twister and Hydrofuge.

**Fact:** Ontario Place supports fish regeneration. In 2006 Ontario Place and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority constructed a new protected fish habitat for fish along the river walk area.

**Fact:** Ontario Place is pesticide free. Ontario Place does not use pesticides on our grass or gardens.

**Fact:** Working in conjunction with Royal Botanical Gardens Ontario Place replaced the gardens at its west entrance under the bridge with native plants and shrubs.

**Fact:** Working with HGTV's Green Force, Ontario Place is renovating a section of centre entrance to include more green space and native plants.

**Fact:** Ontario Place uses 100% biodegradable bags for all our landscaping needs and garbage bins. These bags are the only bags in North America guaranteed to be completely biodegradable.

**Fact:** Ontario Place uses only 100% biodegradable environmentally friendly cleaning products for all our cleaning needs. Ontario Place also uses 100% biodegradable soap in all our washroom facilities.