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**BRAZOS VALLEY**  
**MUSEUM** of Natural  
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**Museum Announces Fundraising Dinner  
and  
New *Tyrannosaurus rex* on Display**

**BRYAN, TX** --- The Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History announces its first T-Rex Roundup Dinner and Dance on Saturday, May 16, 2009, 6-11pm at the Brazos Center. The evening will feature a cash bar opening at 6pm, followed by a barbeque dinner catered by Buppy's at 7pm, and dancing accompanied by Shawn Jennings and the Southern Roots Band beginning at 8pm.

Activities will include the announcement of the winner of the Museum's Dinosaur Art Contest, T-Rex Roping (we'll show you how!), Cowboy Hat Contest, and a special Night at the Museum for children.

Each year, the Museum reaches over 30,000 citizens and visitors to the Brazos Valley with tours, lectures, exhibits, classes, special events, and outreach programs for all ages emphasizing natural and cultural history, science education and conservation of natural resources. All proceeds will benefit the Museum's annual operating fund in support of these and other activities.

Tickets go on sale at the MSC box office **April 1, 2009**. Individual tickets for adults are \$60 and \$50 for students. Parents can have a night out, while their children enjoy a "Night at the Museum" for \$40; call the Museum for details and reservations.

In anticipation of the T-Rex Roundup, the Museum is pleased to introduce STAN, a spectacular full-size cast of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* skull and the latest addition to the Museum's Frithiof Fossil Collection displays, on loan from George Blasing of San Antonio. Unearthed in Harding County, South Dakota in 1987 by amateur paleontologist Stan Sacrison after 65 million years, it took more than 30,000 hours of preparation to ready the specimen for display.

STAN, the largest and most complete (65% real bone) *T. rex* available to science, headlined the *T. rex* World Exposition. STAN is currently on display in Hill City, SD and awaiting his new home in the Black Hills Museum of Natural History. The Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History is pleased to offer this cast replica of Stan's skull for viewing.

Admission to this display and the Museum's permanent galleries and traveling exhibits is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children 4-17, students, and seniors. Children 3 and under are free.

The Museum, located in the Brazos Center on Briarcrest Drive, is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. For additional information about this and other Museum events and exhibits, call 979.776.2195 or visit our website at [www.brazosvalleymuseum.org](http://www.brazosvalleymuseum.org).

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