ROMing around with dinosaurs

Giant lepin' lizards! — the creatures with charisma enough to keep us fascinated 200 million years later will be celebrated at the Royal Ontario Museum during March break.

Dinosaurs, the 'terrible lizards' of the prehistoric world, are the focus of a host of family activities during the school holidays from tomorrow, March 10, to Sunday, March 18.

To inaugurate the festivities, children wearing dinosaur costumes or masks and their accompanying parents will be admitted free of charge this weekend (March 10 to 11).

Below is a list of activities to satisfy dinosaur fans of all ages (including with ROM admission unless otherwise noted):

* Free admission to families with children dressed as dinosaurs, or those who bring along their pet dinosaur or fossil on March 10 & 11 only. (Limit two adults per family.)
* Jim Lovisk presents Dinosaurs Alive! giving viewers the chance to see some survivors from the age of dinosaurs. March 11, 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m. and 4 p.m. ($1 plus museum admission.)
* 'Hands-on' arts and crafts workshops, March 12-16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
* Two daily dance workshops lead by AC- TUS Dance Institute will demonstrate ballet, tap and jazz and teach the 'Dinosaur Dance' from March 11-18, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
* 'Hands-on' dinosaur bones. Identify and handle dinosaur bones from March 13-18, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
* Fossil identification clinic. Bring your fossils and have them examined by a panel of fossil experts. March 14 and 15, 1:45 p.m. & 3:45 p.m.
* Children's concert by Juno Award winner, Sandra Beegh. March 10 at 2:30 p.m. ($1 plus museum admission.)
* Visit the Fossil Museumobile parked at the front door of the ROM weekdays.
* Lectures for students, adults, and seniors by ROM curators and associates. March 12 11 a.m. Fabulous Fossils noon Dinosaurs—Bringing them back alive noon Sea dragons
* March 13 11 a.m. Life in Ontario a very, very, very long time ago noon
* March 14 11 a.m. Life before 5,000,000,000 B.C.—Field work in search of our ancient origins noon How to put your dinosaur together
* March 15 11 a.m. ROMing around in the Arctic noon Birds: the dinosaur connection
* March 16 11 a.m. Sabre-tooths and other cats noon
* Dinosaur movies from March 12-18, 2:30 p.m. weekdays & 3 p.m. weekends.

For further information on any of the above Dinosaur Week activities, please call 978-5475 during business hours.

Peter May, technician in vertebrate paleontology, works on the model of a skull of an albertosaurus. He reinforces the skull with polyester paste and iron work.