

EXHIBIT SYNOPSIS

The Complete T. rex

The Greatest Tyrant of All Time

Theme

Tyrannosaurus rex ('tyrant lizard king') is one of the most recognized dinosaur names. Discovered in 1906, the animal's remains are found mainly in the badlands of the U.S., from Wyoming through the Dakotas and into Montana. Just the name produces images of a savage and feared giant meat eater and according to modern study, T. rex was both a fast (up to 40 mph) and ferocious hunter. These giants died sixty-five million years ago, in a cataclysm caused by an asteroid hitting the earth. This event changed the environment so severely that T. rex and his dinosaurian brethren were unable to adapt and the period of the 'ruling reptiles' came to an abrupt end.

Scope

This exhibit reviews the origin, life, habits and times of the 'tyrant lizard king' as well as our efforts to discover, study and display fossilized examples. These pages have also been reviewed for scientific accuracy by a paleontologist specializing in dinosaurs. The plan for the exhibit on the title page is in outline form with a short description of each major division.

Material Availability

Postal materials with 'scientifically correct' designs represent less than half of the adhesive postal stamp issues and pictorial cancels claiming to show our hero. The subject itself is credibly difficult for the exhibitor due to the knowledge required to select the correct materials from a scientific viewpoint while maintaining a balance of philatelic elements on the exhibit page.

Philatelic Elements

Elements are an important part of this exhibit and care has been taken to include as many as possible. Philatelically 'inspired' items are minimized and mint or commercially used materials make up the vast majority of pieces. The following material types are included:

Essay, Artist Sketch, Progressive Color Proof, Deluxe Proof, Specimen, Adhesive Postage Stamps - definitive, commemorative, airmail, and official issues, Gutter Pair, Printing Date Strip, Plate Number, Se-tenant Strip, Souvenir Sheet, Booklet, Value and Country Overprint, Imperforate Variety, Missing Color Error, Color Shift Variety, Perforation Shift Variety, Tagging Varieties, Commemorative Postal Stationery, Commemorative Hand, Fancy Hand, Machine Advertising Slogan and Roller Cancel Devices, Printed Postage Meter Indicia, Postage Meter Tape Indicia, Postage Paid Imprint, Routing Markings and Indian Agency origin cover.

Highlights

- Missing black color error, United States (page 10).
- Indian Head cancel on War Department 15¢ value, Fort Keough, Montana Terr., United States (page 15).
- Cover from Red Cloud Agency, Wyoming Territory, United States, 1875 (page 15).

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Thematic and Philatelic References

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