

COUP D'ETAT



Mounted *Triceratops prorsus*

72 - 65.5 MYA; Late Cretaceous Period (Collected 2012)

Hell Creek Foundation, Montana, USA

Fossilized bones mounted on steel armature

Mounted Specimen: 25' L x 8' W x 10' H

Steel Base Footprint: 20' L x 8' W

Purchase Includes

- Applicable quarry maps
- GPS location data
- Inventory lists of all collected material
- Field and laboratory photos
- Field and laboratory notes
- Legal documentation including signed lease agreement

Nicknamed “Jordan” after the small town in Montana in which the bones were recovered, this piece is an exhibition-ready composite skeleton of the classic Late Cretaceous Ceratopsian *Triceratops prorsus*.

This contemporary of *Tyrannosaurus rex* is one of the most recognizable of all the dinosaur genera and probably the best described of the ceratopsians. This formidable herbivore is well represented by this piece, with a nearly 72% complete skeleton and a 75% complete skull. Naturally posed on a custom steel armature, Jordan wonderfully captures the iconic character of this horned giant. Specimen is fully prepared and ready for display or exhibition.

This piece is composed using the partial skeletons of four adult *Triceratops prorsus* specimens recovered in northeastern Montana in 2012. All four sites were situated within a few miles of one another and therefore possess a common geology — largely clay/mudstone — which is generally indicative of a slow moving aqueous environment. The comparable sizes and the similar conditions of preservation provide a semblance of continuity between the individuals into a single composite skeleton. The skull was collected at a single site and belonged to a single individual, which nicely blends with the post-cranial elements to complete the mount. Absent bones are replaced with high quality replicas.