

DINO SOAR!

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GALL him Mr. Big. Then again, it might just be Ms. — even the folks at the American Museum of Natural History aren't sure. In fact, they have lots of questions about the titanosaur, whose fiberglass-cast skeleton was unveiled this week to the tune of the "2001: A Space Odyssey" theme (Strauss' "Also Sprach Zarathustra").

But one thing's for sure: Measuring 122 feet long and 20 feet high, the as-yet-unnamed dino is the biggest thing in the place.

It's so large, hallway out!

Its fossilized bones were discovered in 2014 in Argentina by paleontologist Diego Pol. The museum's self-sprawling exhibit is

"When I stepped into the size of a dinosaur, it was like 'Whoa!'" recalled Pol, the museum's VP at the moment of unveiling.

For now, you can see the fossilized bones of the titanosaur here to stay.



HOW LONG DID IT TAKE TO CREATE THAT LIFE-SIZE CAST?
The cast, based on 84 excavated fossil bones, was made in six months by a Canadian firm working closely with Argentina's Museo Paleontológica Egidio Feruglio.



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Visitors (above) check out the colossal skeleton model of Natural History's newest addition to its dinosaur collection.

WHAT ARE THE "BONES" REALLY MADE OF?
They're lightweight 3-D prints made of fiberglass, based on digital copies of the original fossils.

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HOW MUCH DID THE ACTUAL DINOSAUR WEIGH?
About 70 tons — as much as 10 African elephants. And, as its fossilized vertebrae indicate, it was still growing!

HOW MUCH BIGGER IS IT THAN THE MUSEUM'S BLUE WHALE?
A full 30 feet bigger. But blue whales are heavier — up to 200 tons, compared with the titanosaur's 70. Nothing like a diet of ferns and conifers to keep you slim!

