

Perot Museum Presenting “Bug Lab” Exhibition: A Journey into the World of Insect Ingenuity

*Larger-Than-Life Models and Interactive Stations Explore the Brilliance of Bugs
Starting this Summer*

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DALLAS (April 16, 2025) — The Perot Museum of Nature and Science announced today that “Bug Lab,” a captivating exhibition exploring the remarkable genius of insects, will open on June 28, 2025. This immersive exhibition invites visitors to discover how bugs’ extraordinary adaptations inspire cutting-edge human innovation.

Developed by Te Papa, New Zealand’s groundbreaking national museum, and the five-time Academy Award-winning Wētā Workshop, the exhibition transforms visitors’ understanding of insects by highlighting their genius-level capabilities through dramatic, larger-than-life models and interactive learning stations. Developed by a team of leading entomologists and exhibition designers, Bug Lab offers an unparalleled opportunity to experience the world from a bug’s perspective.

“Precision flight, swarm intelligence, even brain surgery – insects offer us a template for technology and innovation,” said Dr. Linda Silver, Eugene McDermott Chief Executive Officer of the Perot Museum. “With a blend of science, wonder, and interactive learning that aligns with the Perot Museum’s mission to inspire minds through nature and science, ‘Bug Lab’ will change how people perceive these tiny creatures by showcasing their remarkable adaptations and what humans can learn from them.”

At “Bug Lab,” visitors will be able to discover how humans are applying the genius of bugs to solve some of the world’s toughest problems. Visitors will enjoy:

- **Immersive Bug Chambers** that recreate detailed environments, allowing visitors to experience firsthand the remarkable abilities of various insects, from the lightning speed of dragonflies to the lightning-fast reflexes of mantises.
- **Interactive Adaptation Stations** where visitors can test their skills against those bugs through engaging, hands-on activities that demonstrate the complexity of insect behavior and capabilities.
- **Hands-On Labs** where visitors can examine actual bug specimens and learn cutting-edge bug science and bio-inspiration through hands-on interaction.

“Bug Lab” is designed for visitors of all ages. The exhibit includes specific components created with multigenerational families in mind so children, parents, and grandparents can explore together, engaging with the fascinating world of insects through age-appropriate activities and displays.

“The Perot Museum is dedicated to creating exciting experiences that fascinate learners of all ages,” said Drex Owusu, Chief Learning Officer at Perot Museum. “The teams at Te Papa and Wētā Workshop have created an unparalleled exhibit that is bold, cinematic, and immersive – and that will teach its human visitors as much about themselves as it does about bugs.”

The exhibition is supported in part by Visit Dallas and the City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture. The exhibition will run through January 4, 2026.

HOURS: The exhibition is open during Museum operating hours. For current hours, visit perotmuseum.org.

TICKETS: Tickets will go on sale beginning May 27 for Explore members and above, and May 29 for the general public. Museum general admission is \$25 for adults (13+) and \$15 for youth (2-12). Museum general admission is free for members. Children under 2 are always free. "Bug Lab" requires an additional ticket of \$10 for adults, \$8 for youth and free for children under 2. Members can purchase "Bug Lab" tickets at a discounted price of \$6 for all age levels. To avoid lines and sell outs, visitors are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance at perotmuseum.org. The Perot Museum is located at 2201 N. Field Street in Dallas, Texas. For ticket information, parking maps and other details visit perotmuseum.org or call 214-428-5555.

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About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science

About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science Located in the heart of Dallas, Texas, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is a nonprofit educational and research organization dedicated to inspiring minds through nature and science. Visitors will find everything from dinosaurs to diamonds and space to sports, packed into five levels of hands-on discovery and adventure. Through its state-of-the-art exhibits, educational programming and community outreach, the Museum offers exciting and innovative experiences for learners of all ages. For more information, visit perotmuseum.org.

About Te Papa

Te Papa is the national museum of New Zealand, combining science, art, history and the culture of New Zealand's indigenous Māori people. Since opening in 1998, it has been recognised as a world-leader in innovative museum experiences, attracting over 1.5 million visitors a year, in a country of only four million people. Te Papa's previous co-creation with Weta Workshop, Gallipoli: The scale of our war has smashed records for exhibition attendance, and its touring exhibition Whales | Tohora has attracted more than two million visitors at venues throughout the United States. See more at www.tepapa.govt.nz

About Weta Workshop

For over 20 years, five-time Academy Award®-winning Weta Workshop has applied creativity and craftsmanship to blockbuster films and hit television series including The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies, King Kong, Avatar, District 9, Thunderbirds Are Go and Ghost in the Shell. This diverse, innovative company is also a tourist destination, producer of consumer products, interactive studio in collaboration with Magic Leap, behind-the-scenes facility, and creator of public sculptures and exhibitions, including Te Papa's record-breaking Gallipoli: The scale of our war. CEO Richard Taylor is involved in all projects, from concept to completion. See more at www.wetanz.com

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