

KARI BYRON

**Host, Science Channel's HEAD RUSH and
Discovery Channel's MYTHBUSTERS**

Kari Byron is a born tinkerer and explorer. By the age of 5, she was experimenting on her sister and using dolls as crash test dummies. Luckily for her parents, they always caught her right before her little sister took a ride down a laundry chute or was the subject of an "around-the-world" attempt on the playground swings. Kari began her career as a sculptor and painter before finding her dream jobs on **MYTHBUSTERS** and **HEAD RUSH**, where she gets to explore and experiment to her heart's content.

For **HEAD RUSH**, Kari hosts the all new, one-hour, commercial-free kids' programming block on Science Channel that is targeted toward middle-school age students and the curious kid in all of us. Her aim is to inspire and excite kids about the wonders of science and show how science is a vital part of their everyday lives. No subject goes unexplored as Kari dives into mathematics, science, technology, engineering, natural history and space with hands-on experiments, video shorts, viewer questions and answers, games and visits from other members of the Discovery family. This dynamic and entertaining programming block consists of three segments per hour, each addressing a specific subject, question or theme.

After graduating from San Francisco State University and traveling the world, Kari began her career as a sculptor and painter, holding successful exhibitions at some of San Francisco's leading galleries. "Artist" was only one of many hats she wore while searching for her place in the world. Her sculpting skills and love for odd jobs soon led her into the field of model-making and toy-prototyping, which led to a job with Jamie Hyneman at M5 Industries. It was at M5 that Kari got her big break with Discovery Channel's **MYTHBUSTERS** ... and the rest is history.

HEAD RUSH premieres August 23 and airs Monday-Friday from 4-5PM ET/PT and Saturdays from 7-9AM ET/PT. The programming block is the cornerstone of a fully integrated on-air, online and educational strategy to catapult science out of the classroom and crash it into the real world. **MYTHBUSTERS** airs every Wednesday at 9PM ET/PT on Discovery Channel, with new premieres airing in Fall 2010.

- Photos of Kari are available for download at <http://press.discovery.com> -

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