

# SCIENCE CHANNEL DECEMBER 2010 HIGHLIGHTS

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- 1) "WT" designates a working title and may be subject to change
- 2) \*\* denotes programs with artwork available for download at press.discovery.com
- 3) All times are in ET/PT

## SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

## **Christmas marathons:**

**HOW IT'S MADE\*\*** 

Friday, December 24 from 7 PM to 11 PM Saturday, December 25 from 6 AM to 11 PM

Have you ever wondered how the products you use every day are made? **HOW IT'S MADE** leads you through the process of how everyday products, such as apple juice, skateboards, engines, contact lenses, and many more objects are manufactured.

### **Sneak Peek Fridays:**

Pilot episodes of several new series airing in first quarter 2011

#### **DEADLY DESCENT**

Sneak Peak on Friday, December 3 at 10 PM

Two areas in the world remain unexplored by man, the bottom of the ocean, and caves. Science Channel takes viewers underground into the extraordinary and dangerous world of deep cave exploration. Cave holds secrets to solving mankind's biggest challenges, including clues to the geologic mysteries of our planet and revolutionary new cures in medicine. But scientists aren't physically or mentally capable of enduring the treacherous underworld of deep cave exploration. Instead, they depend on an elite team of "cavers" to undertake those missions on a **DEADLY DESCENT**.

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## STUCK WITH HACKETT Sneak Peak on Friday, December 10 at 10 PM

If you were stranded far from civilization with the basics covered: food, water, and shelter, what would you do to do more than just survive? How would you thrive? There's no need to eat bugs like a survivalist, or dig a hole to sleep in. Soon you'd be craving those modern conveniences you so easily take for granted. Each episode has the same format. Hackett, An engineering alchemist, finds himself alone in an environment. How did he get there? Who cares! He's there and he's going to explore and take his basic existence and ramp it up! The range of places and experiences is wide -- snowy, wet, woodsy, prairie, ruined cities, rugged or not. Hackett will transmute base material into mechanical gold. Why? Because that is what he does, what his creativity urges him to do. Hackett can't help it

#### **BLAISIN OUT**

Sneak Peak on Friday, December 17 at 10 PM

America fell in love with Chef Richard Blais on Top Chef. Now, this charismatic culinary modernist is on a mission: to create the best dishes ever. But how can one man beat the world's most renowned chefs, experts who have been spent years perfecting their recipes? With Science! Chef Blais uses ultra-modern tools and techniques to deconstruct and then re-engineer new-and-improved versions of America's most popular meals using technology and science. Can Chef Blais take on classic American food icons and make their creations better? It's science-based creative inspiration vs. decades of tradition and billions served.

# **NEW/RETURNING SERIES**

#### COLD DIGGERS

New episodes continuing Thursdays at 10 PM on the following dates: December 2, December 9, December 16, December 23

This series documents the quest of two teams on Natural Gas drillers in the Canadian Yukon in the dead of Winter. Harsh and unstable working conditions, eager investors and tight timelines make the race to capture the black gold dangerous and intense.

#### **HOW IT'S MADE\*\***

New episodes continuing Fridays at 9 PM on the following dates: December 3, December 10, December 17

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#### MANTRACKER\*\*

New episodes continuing Tuesdays at 10 PM on the following dates: December 7, December 14, December 21

**MANTRACKER** is a veteran cowboy and expert outdoorsman trained by the RCMP to track and retrieve missing persons in the bush. Throughout each episode, a pair of 'prey' from different walks of life team up and attempt to outwit and outrun **MANTRACKER** to the finish line. For an adrenaline-charged 36 hours, the pairs travel through extremely difficult terrain in regions throughout North America. Trekking through deep woods, rugged rock face and rushing rivers, the prey has a head start but Mantracker has a horse, and these adventurers have a target on their backs every step of the way.

#### **MEGABUILDERS**

New episodes continuing Thursdays at 9 PM on the following dates: December 2, December 9, December 16, December 23

**MEGABUILDERS** is all about the biggest, the most complex, the most stressful, and the most dangerous. These are the engineering projects that are making history, and the people who are making it happen. Each episode follows the engineers and their teams, as they attempt to complete projects so enormous and so challenging, that the viewer is compelled to ask: "How are they EVER going to pull this off?"

#### **METEORITE MEN\*\***

New episodes continuing Tuesdays at 9 PM on the following dates: December 7, December 14, December 21

Geoff Notkin and Steve Arnold come back for a second season on their search for space rocks. They're modern adventurers, and they share a passion for traveling to wild places and hunting for extraterrestrial visitors from outer space with an array of hunting equipment.

## **TORMENTED**

World Premiere on Wednesday, December 15 at 10 PM

Each episode of **TORMENTED** will take the audience inside the daily reality of living as a genius. Viewers will be astonished, possibly even frightened, as we reveal how in human biology, genius and madness often appear side by side in the same mind. Each person selected has an extraordinary gift, whether it's the ability to create beautiful music, intricate mathematics or simply understand animals. But with each participant, genius is a double edged blade, on the one hand providing exceptional abilities while on the other hand robbing them of what it means to be "normal." Through their stories we will explore the fragile nature of the human experience and through scientists, psychologists, geneticists and other experts we will unlock the mysteries and cutting edge science of the human brain.