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<u>DESTINATION AMERICA GREENLIGHTS NEW SERIES KINDRED SPIRITS (WT).</u> <u>HOSTED BY PARANORMAL ALL-STARS ADAM BERRY AND AMY BRUNI</u>

-Network to Unveil a SUPERNATURAL SUPER PANEL at Comic-Con International, Anchored by the Biggest Names in Ghost Hunting: Nick Groff, Katrina Weidman, Adam Berry, Amy Bruni, and John Zaffis-

(Silver Spring, Md.) – Destination America today announced that it has begun production on an all-new series hosted by world-renowned ghost hunters Adam Berry and Amy Bruni. **KINDRED SPIRITS (wt)** will premiere in 2016 exclusively on Destination America following the fearless duo as they help real families tormented by paranormal activity at home, with the added stress that the spirits may be their own late family members. Scared by the mysterious happenings but hesitant to pick up and leave their homes, these families have turned to two of America's leading paranormal investigators to capture evidence, try to guide the wayward spirits into the light, and bring closure to each home.

Destination America will unveil more about KINDRED SPIRITS (wt) exclusively at Comic-Con International on **Friday. July 22 from 7-8pm in Room 7AB** in a **Supernatural Super Panel** that will unite ghost hunting's elite investigators for one night only. Join **PARANORMAL LOCKDOWN**'s Nick Groff and Katrina Weidman – who are also currently in production on the show's second season – Adam Berry and Amy Bruni from **KINDRED SPIRITS** (wt), and the "Godfather of the Paranormal" John Zaffis from **HAUNTED COLLECTOR**, which airs **Tuesdays at 10/9c** on Destination America.

"KINDRED SPIRITS takes paranormal investigation back to its roots with a simple mission of making contact with the other side but, first and foremost, helping people who are terrified and don't know where else to turn," said Jane Latman, general manager of Destination America. "Over the years, Amy and Adam have built a kinship with each other and their fans that make them the best paranormal team to bring closure to these families and the perfect addition to our family here at Destination America."

Berry and Bruni got their start on SyFy's groundbreaking series *Ghost Hunters*, which defined a new genre in supernatural storytelling on television. The pair recently guest-starred on an episode of PARANORMAL LOCKDOWN on Destination America, joining hosts Nick Groff and Katrina Weidman on an 72-hour investigation of the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum.

Throughout their combined career, Nick Groff, Katrina Weidman, Adam Berry, Amy Bruni, and John Zaffis have more than 10,000 investigations under their belt, from famous haunts like *The Exorcist* house, the Stanley Hotel and the house on which *A Haunting in Connecticut* was based, to secret hotspots that only the bravest dare speak of. They rose to fame in some of TV's hottest paranormal programs including *Ghost Adventures*, *Ghost Hunters*, *Paranormal State*, and *Haunted Collector*, but now call Destination America home and, for the first time together on stage, will regale the Comic-Con audience with tales of their darkest, creepiest, and most life-altering paranormal experiences. Also, they will discuss how the work of Ed and Lorraine Warren – Zaffis' uncle and aunt – and the original paranormal Holy Grail of *The Conjuring* led them to where they are today. Additionally, they will make themselves available for all-access questions from fans, unveil never-before-seen footage, and reveal exclusive news to the Comic-Con audience about what Destination America has in store for a history-making Halloween.

About Amy Bruni and Adam Berry

Amy Bruni has been chasing the unknown for over 20 years. Raised in a haunted house with her free-thinking family, she was never taught to fear ghosts but only to seek out and try to understand them. After spending a decade in the health insurance industry, Bruni decided to follow her dreams and turn paranormal investigation into her livelihood. She began traveling the country to visit its most haunted places, researching the group dynamics of ghost-hunting teams, and lecturing on the history of paranormal investigation. Beginning in 2008, Bruni was a staple on Syfy's *Ghost Hunters* and served as the team's historical researcher for seven seasons, during which time she met her ghost-hunting partner Adam Berry. In 2014, she left the show to stay home with her family and start her own business, a boutique paranormal travel company called <u>Strange Escapes</u>. She also writes for her blog, <u>My Spirited Life</u>. The birth of her daughter and the importance of family have brought new value to Bruni's investigations, putting more focus on helping families try to reach the spirits of their loved ones.

Adam Berry has spent the past 10 years investigating, researching and exploring some of the most haunted locations in the world. While growing up in Muscle Shoals, Ala., he began a lifelong fascination with the supernatural after having a ghostly encounter that changed his entire way of thinking about life, death and "the great beyond." Berry founded his own investigation team out of Provincetown, Mass., in 2007 to document cases and bring answers to those experiencing strange activity in their homes. In 2010, he won Syfy's reality competition show *Ghost Hunters Academy*, earning a coveted spot on the network's hit original series *Ghost Hunters*, where he met and first teamed up with his investigation partner Amy Bruni. Berry stepped away from TV to focus on family and running his non-profit theatre company Peregrine Theatre Ensemble, but never stopped ghost hunting. He still collaborates with spiritual enthusiasts through lectures, events, and one-on-one investigations so that he can continue to help families deal with the unexplainable.

About Nick Groff and Katrina Weidman

Nick Groff has been fascinated with the paranormal ever since surviving a near-death experience as a child. Now, he chases ghosts full-time with the goal of finding new evidence of the afterlife and discovering a breakthrough in paranormal research. After graduating from the University of Nevada with a B.A. in Film, Groff made his big break when he co-wrote, co-produced, co-directed, co-edited, and co-starred in *Ghost Adventures: The Original Documentary*, which aired on the SciFi Channel in 2007. The film was a winner at the Los Angeles Film/Video Festival and was nominated for "Best Feature Film" at the Eerie Horror Film Festival. The documentary served as a pilot for the *Ghost Adventures* television series that debuted in 2008 on Travel Channel. Groff was an Executive Producer, co-host, and investigator on seasons 1-10. Groff is also the author of the book "Chasing Spirits: The Building of the Ghost Adventures Crew." Now, Groff is the executive producer and host for the hit series *Paranormal Lockdown* on Destination America and is also featured as an ensemble cast member in the network's #1 hit series *Ghosts of Shepherdstown*.

Katrina Weidman is a paranormal researcher and investigator, host, producer, and lecturer. She's best known for her role on A&E's hit series *Paranormal State*, in which she worked on hundreds of cases of unexplained supernatural phenomena and interviewed thousands of witnesses with the world-renowned Paranormal Research Society (PRS) from 2006-2011. A graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, Weidman has been working professionally as a paranormal researcher and investigator since 2006, but her passion for the supernatural began when she was a child living in historic Bucks County, Penn., where many locations are said to be haunted. Weidman also hosted Chiller's *Real Fear: The Truth Behind the Movies*, following Weidman and her team as they travel the country looking for the real-life stories that inspired some of the world's most iconic horror films. Currently, Weidman can be seen alongside Nick Groff as host of Destination America's hit series, *Paranormal Lockdown*.

About John Zaffis

John Zaffis is considered one of the foremost authorities in paranormal investigation today, with more than 40 years of experience studying and investigating the field. His research has taken him throughout the United States, Canada, England and Scotland to face ghosts, poltergeists, and demonic and diabolical entities. Studying under his aunt and uncle, Lorraine and Ed Warren, broadened Zaffis' expertise beyond ghost hunting to also include demonology and cases of possession and exorcism. He has worked with prominent exorcists Bishop Robert McKenna, Father Malachi Martin, and the Reverend Jun, along with other Roman Catholic priests, monks, Buddhists, rabbis and ministers. He has also worked extensively with spiritualists and psychics to further the depth of his understanding. Over the years, Zaffis has collected hundreds of infested items that are currently housed for safe keeping at the John Zaffis Paranormal Museum. He wrote and starred in the 2010 documentary *Museum of the Paranormal*, which gives the viewer a tour of his museum and the stories behind some of the objects. Zaffis was the host of the SyFy television series *Haunted Collector* from 2011-2013 and has been featured on Travel Channel's *Ghost Adventures*, A&E's *Ghost Hunters*, Discovery Channel's *A Haunting in Connecticut* and *Little Lost Souls* as well as *Unsolved Mysteries*. He is also mentioned in "Graveyards" and "In A Dark Place," both books written by Ed and Lorraine Warren. His first book, "Shadows of the Dark," co-written with Brian McIntyre, was released in 2004.

KINDRED SPIRITS (wt) is produced for Destination America by Paper Route Productions with Alan LaGarde and Sumit David as executive producers. Amy Bruni and Adam Berry are also executive producers. For Destination America, Fay Yu is executive producer, Jane Latman is general manager, and Henry Schleiff is Group President of Investigation Discovery, Destination America, and American Heroes Channel.

About Destination America

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