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TV PERSONALITY JACK OSBOURNE AND PARANORMAL RESEARCHER KATRINA WEIDMAN TEAM UP IN NEW TRAVEL CHANNEL SERIES 'PORTALS TO HELL,' AS THEY SEEK TO UNCOVER WHAT LIES WITHIN NOTORIOUS HAUNTED LOCATIONS



Series Premieres Friday, April 26 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

"Portals to Hell" hosts Katrina Weidman and Jack Osbourne

PASADENA, CALIF. (February 12, 2019) – Hauntings exist all over the world, but there are a few locations with sordid pasts and dark histories that are especially sinister and purported to be doorways to the spirit underworld. In Travel Channel's new series, "Portals to Hell," premiering on Friday, April 26 at 10 p.m. ET/PT, television personality and executive producer Jack Osbourne, and paranormal researcher and investigator Katrina Weidman, join forces to explore this phenomenon, investigating each haunted location in search of irrefutable evidence that a spirit world exists, and death is not the end.

In each of the eight hour-long episodes, Osbourne and Weidman dive headfirst into a different historical site, examining unusual incidents while utilizing specialized technology and a network of experts to help document and uncover the truth. The quest for answers takes the duo to New Orleans' infamous LaLaurie Mansion – where they are the first *and only* paranormal team to ever investigate the disturbing hauntings within its walls. They also investigate legendary spooky spots including Bobby Mackey's Music World in Kentucky, Eastern State Penitentiary in Pennsylvania, the Alaskan Hotel in Juneau, Ohio's Twin City Opera House, Strawberry River Bed and Breakfast on the outskirts of Utah's Skinwalker Ranch, Pennsylvania's Emerald Hill Estate and the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in West Virginia.

"I've been obsessed with the supernatural ever since I was a kid," said Jack Osbourne. "I'm excited to team up with Katrina to investigate the darkest, most sinister places on earth. We're walking headfirst into the heart of darkness – and we're excited to take brave viewers with us."

"For over a decade, my work in the paranormal field has brought me to the edge of the unknown," said Katrina Weidman. "As we explore these disturbing locations, these potential portals, Jack and I are determined to document as much as we can to try and uncover the source of these hauntings."

"Both Jack and Katrina have great instincts for investigating the paranormal, and their passion and expertise make them a fantastic addition to Travel Channel," said Jane Latman, general manager of Travel Channel. "The show's unique docu-style format immerses viewers in each investigation, allowing the audience to experience every goose bump, chill and unexpected surprise right alongside the team."

Check out "Portals to Hell" on <u>TravelChannel.com</u> for more, including special show extras, behind-thescenes photos and exclusive videos. Follow @TravelChannel and #PortalsToHell on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u> for additional content and updates. Follow the team on Twitter: @JackOsbourne and @KatrinaWeidman and on Instagram: @jackosbourne and @katrinaweidman.

"Portals to Hell" is produced by Osbourne Media and Critical Content for Travel Channel. For Osbourne Media, the executive producers are Jack Osbourne and Peter Glowski. For Critical Content, the executive producer is Jenny Daly and Tom Forman. Elaine White executive produces the series for Osbourne Media and Critical Content. For Travel Channel, the executive producer is Anna Geddes, Jane Latman is general manager and Henry Schleiff is group president of Investigation Discovery, Travel Channel, American Heroes Channel and Destination America.

ABOUT JACK OSBOURNE

Jack Osbourne is the president of Osbourne Media and is best known for MTV's reality show "The Osbournes," SyFy's "Haunted Highway," and A+E Network's "Ozzy & Jack's World Detour." Osbourne has not only starred in multiple series but also developed and produced original unscripted content, including NatGeo's Wild's "Alpha Dogs" and "Surviving the Apocalypse," along with various pilots and development projects for Bravo, CBS, A&E, MTV, WeTV and Style. Osbourne is also an adventurer and paranormal investigator who has documented harrowing face-to-face encounters with the unexplainable in some of America's darkest and most remote regions. Most recently, he was featured on UK's live "Celebrity Haunted Mansion" alongside "Ghost Hunters" star Jason Hawes.

ABOUT KATRINA WEIDMAN

Katrina Weidman is a paranormal researcher and investigator, host and producer. She rose to national recognition in her role on A+E's "Paranormal State," working on hundreds of cases of unexplained supernatural phenomena and interviewing thousands of witnesses alongside world-renowned paranormal researchers. Weidman also served as co-host and producer of "Paranormal Lockdown" on TLC and Destination America, as well as Chiller's "Real Fear: The Truth Behind the Movies" (2012) and "The Truth Behind More Movies" (2013). She frequently gives talks and lectures at paranormal conferences and conventions around the world.

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