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BRUCE CAMPBELL TAKES VIEWERS ON ALL-NEW ADVENTURES REVEALING BIZARRE AND ASTOUNDING TALENTS IN TRAVEL CHANNEL'S 'RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT!'



Veteran actor Bruce Campbell is executive producer and host of the reboot of "Ripley's Believe It or Not!"

NEW YORK (**APRIL 25, 2019**) – Awe-inspiring talents, unusual objects, strange phenomena and mind-boggling feats are explored in Travel Channel's reboot of the iconic series, "**Ripley's Believe It or Not!**" **premiering on Sunday, June 9 at 9 p.m. ET/PT.** Hosted and executive produced by actor Bruce Campbell, the 10-episode, hour-long series is inspired by Robert Ripley's obsession with the awesome and his keen eye for what keeps viewers mesmerized. Seventy years after Ripley hosted the first eponymous series, we still can't resist his challenge to, "Believe it, or not!"

One hundred years ago, Ripley went on a quest to the farthest reaches of the globe in search of the extraordinary and unusual. Now, hosted from the famed Ripley's Warehouse in Orlando, Florida, Campbell introduces the next generation to astonishing and one-of-a-kind stories.

"Shooting this iconic series in the Ripley's warehouse was actually unbelievable," said Campbell. "I was blown away by the treasures that unveil a fascinating time capsule into the past and present. Fans are not going to be disappointed when they see the scope of wonderful and weird stories we reveal every week."

In the premiere episode, Campbell shines the spotlight on six individuals who possess such uncanny ability, outrageous talent and fearlessness that they are known as "Natural Born Thrillers." Ohio native Rick Smith tosses playing cards at 92 miles per hour making them as dangerous as daggers, while Dai

Andrews, "master of pain," terrifies crowds by swallowing curved swords that can kill with the smallest wrong move. Tyler Scheuer thrills stadium crowds with a bizarre gift for balancing any object – of any size – on his chin. In Toronto, Twisty Troy, the "human pretzel," was born with extraordinary flexibility and can run upside down, while a California couple risks their lives to walk down a thin net "aisle" strung 800 feet above a canyon – and into their marriage ceremony.

"Invisible Worlds" - Premieres Sunday, June 16 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

We rely on our vision for up to 80 percent of the information we take in, and yet there are "Invisible Worlds" around us, hidden in plain sight. Host Bruce Campbell takes us on a wild trip into the unseen where we meet Vic Invades, a New York photographer and urban explorer, who climbs skyscrapers to walk in the clouds – and capture a bird's eye view of the city. In Louisiana, a family of stuntmen create an illusion using explosives that requires split-second timing to avert death. In California, the rock band "OK Go" films their latest music video in only 4.3 seconds, but has it slowed down 20,000 percent to make the video last over three minutes, revealing moments invisible to the naked eye. In Colorado, Michael Grab can feel vibrations within rocks, allowing him to balance the rocks in impossible towers and sculptures with "gravity glue."

"Showstoppers" - Premieres Sunday, June 23 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Host Bruce Campbell celebrates the "Showstoppers" – the folks who produce unbelievable spectacles through their daring skill and years of practice. The Lords of Lightning, three British lads channeling electricity through tesla coils, fling millions of volts of electricity at each other as they duel. Domino master Lily Hevish creates a thank you to her million-plus social media followers with her most difficult challenge ever – 39,000 dominoes that must all fall perfectly to succeed. In California, Michael Gump is many things – father, prop manager and a man of many faces – employing his prop-making background to create over a thousand unique and fascinating facial disguises. In Illinois, we meet April Choi, a woman who uses her engineering background in fluid dynamics to master the art of whipping. In the episode she'll attempt her most daring feat yet - wrapping herself in her own whip – while it's set on fire.

"Forces of Nature" - Premieres Sunday, June 30 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Host Bruce Campbell introduces us to people "Beyond Nature" – individuals who live lives that seem unreal or accomplish feats so crazy they seem like fiction. In Boston, we meet John "Hammerhead" Ferraro, whose head doubles as a hammer. Ferraro can break wood planks and hammer nails ... all with his forehead. In Texas, Luis Slayton connects with honeybees on an emotional level. He's able to tend to his hives without even wearing a suit. In the episode, he takes his obsession even further as he completely covers his face with bees. In Mexico, Chuy the "Wolfman" and his family are some of only a handful of people on the planet who live with hypertrichosis – a condition that causes hair to grow everywhere, covering even their face. Back in America, we visit Ayanna Williams in Houston, who holds the world-record for being the woman with the longest nails on earth. With nails over 25 inches long, Williams shows us her unique and challenging daily life.

Check out "Ripley's Believe It or Not!" on <u>TravelChannel.com</u> for more, including special show extras, behind-the-scenes photos and exclusive videos. Follow @Travel Channel and #RipleysTV on

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"Ripley's Believe It or Not!" is produced by Texas Crew Productions for Travel Channel. For Texas Crew Productions, the executive producers are Brad Bernstein, David Karabinas, Ron Bowman and Bruce Campbell. For Travel Channel, the executive producer is Daniel A. Schwartz and Henry Schleiff is group president of Investigation Discovery, Travel Channel, American Heroes Channel and Destination America. For Ripley's Believe It or Not!, the executive producers are Jim Pattison Jr. and Norm Deska.

ABOUT BRUCE CAMPBELL

Bruce Campbell is an American actor, producer, writer, comedian and director. One of his best-known roles is portraying Ash Williams in Sam Raimi's *The Evil Dead* franchise, which originated in 1979 as a low budget film in which he starred and was co-executive producer. He has appeared in a variety of films, large and small, such as *Sky High* (2005), *Escape from L.A.* (1996), *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* (2009) and the indie cult classic, *Bubba Ho-Tep* (2002).

In television, Campbell has been seen in lead roles in *The Adventures of Brisco County, Jr.* (1993-94) and *Jack of all Trades* (2000), starred as Autolycus (the King of Thieves) in *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys* and *Xena: Warrior Princess* (1995-99) and Sam Axe on the USA Network series *Burn Notice* (2007-13). Most recently, Campbell has been seen on AMC's *Lodge 49* and Starz's *Ash vs. Evil Dead* in his reprised role of Ash Williams. Campbell has an extensive personal appearance tour that attracts his rabid fans from all across the country.

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ABOUT RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Ripley's Believe It or Not! is part of the Ripley Entertainment Inc. family of worldwide attractions, the global leader in location-based entertainment. More than 14 million people visit its 100-plus attractions in 10 countries each year. In addition to its 30 Believe It or Not! Odditoriums, the Orlando, Florida-based company has publishing, licensing and broadcast divisions that oversee projects including the syndicated Believe It or Not! television show, best-selling books and the popular syndicated cartoon strip, Ripley's Believe It or Not!, that still runs daily in countries around the world. Ripley Entertainment is a Jim Pattison Company, the second-largest privately held company in Canada.

Learn more about Ripley's Believe It or Not! by visiting <u>Ripleys.com</u> and following them on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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