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**DISCOVERY CHANNEL GOES GLOBAL TO FIND THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE  
ILLUSION IN "BREAKING MAGIC"**

***-New, Nine-Part Series Premieres November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10PM ET/PT-***

**(NEW YORK)** Is science the secret sorcery to creating a successful magic trick? Discovery Channel and Discovery Channel International go on a worldwide tour with today's most innovative magicians who transform pure science into mind-boggling magic tricks. Get ready to learn the chemistry, physics and biology powering the world's greatest illusions. The new nine-part series comprised of 30-minute episodes, BREAKING MAGIC, premieres on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10PM on Discovery.

BREAKING MAGIC fuses the showmanship and mystery of street magic with the raw power of science. Watch as each trick surprises unsuspecting bystanders with mystifying results. Discovery Channel recruits today's freshest and most creative magicians to show how science works with shocking tricks including knocking down a wall with the power of one's voice, turning a silver bracelet into gold, slowing the speed of a dropping cannonball and many more. Hidden cameras on the streets of London, Warsaw and New York City capture bystanders completely baffled by these magicians' unexpected tricks. Immediately following these demonstrations, each magician explains the scientific reality behind each illusion.

Meet our magicians:

- **Wayne Houchin (United States of America)** – Houchin made headlines when he escaped from a straitjacket while hanging 50 feet above an intersection at the age of 16. Since then, Houchin has worked with famed magician, Criss Angel, and co-founded magic site theory11.com - all while breaking world records in magic.

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- **Ben Hanlin (United Kingdom)** – Hanlin is one of the youngest members of The Magic Circle and hit U.K. fame with a 2011 appearance on “Britain’s Got Talent.” At only 25 years old, Hanlin continues to stun audiences globally with his amazing skills.
- **James Galea (Australia)** – Galea is an award-winning magician who consistently headlines numerous venues with his magic shows across the world. His high-profile debut to American audiences occurred when he mystified everyone with his 673 King Street routine on “The Ellen DeGeneres Show” in 2010.
- **Billy Kidd (Canada)** – one of the few female magicians in the world, Kidd has mastered the art of magic. She was trained under the world famous magician Gazzo and has traveled worldwide to show audiences her unique sense of comedy, personality and slight-of-hand magic tricks.

**BREAKING MAGIC** is produced for Discovery Channel by Objective Productions. For Objective Productions, Andrew Newman and Paul Gilheany serve as Executive Producers. For Discovery Channel US, Executive Producer is Brian Dean with Paige McKenzie. For Discovery International, Executive Producer is Sarah Davies with Rob Holloway and Marion Said.

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