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<u>DESTINATION AMERICA HUNTS LOCAL SPIRITS IN THE MOST CHILLING</u> <u>PLACES ACROSS AMERICA IN THE ALL-NEW SERIES "GHOST ASYLUM"</u>

--Destination America is also premiering brand-new series AMISH HAUNTING, Sunday, Sept. 14th at 9/8c—

(Silver Spring, Md.) – Investigating abandoned insane asylums is dangerous and downright terrifying, but in Destination America's all-new series **GHOST ASYLUM**, a fearless crew is on a quest to hunt down chain-rattling ghosts and scary apparitions by any means possible, even if that requires luring themselves as the decoy. **GHOST ASYLUM** follows the most passionate paranormal team in America, the Tennessee Wraith Chasers (TWC), as they examine some of America's most frightening asylums, sanitariums and mental hospitals. Their goal isn't just to conjure spirits and collect evidence but they are on a mission to physically capture restless souls with their cutting-edge ghost traps and self-trained Tennessean wit.

TWC hunts the most lethal stories; clinics where murdered nurses still roam the halls, hospitals that drive anyone who enters to utter insanity and rehabilitation centers with earth shattering cries coming from the windows. Staffed with experts in every aspect of paranormal investigation these wraith chasers are not your average Ghostbusters but an elite team of ghost whisperers who mesh methodology and skill with old-fashioned common sense and a taste for adventure in order to debunk, disprove or validate each case.

GHOST ASYLUM premieres Sunday, September 7 at 10/9c on Destination America.

"Every town in America has some sort of haunted building up on the hill with a mysterious legend or local ghost story that leaves to question the truth and reality of lingering spirits," said Marc Etkind, general manager of Destination America. "GHOST ASYLUM follows the clever Tennessee Wraith

Chasers as they enter the most petrifying locations, sharing shocking evidence and real life experiences on the hunt to trap the spirits lurking around these haunted institutions."

"Respect, detect, collect" – that's TWC's motto and the core process they follow in each episode. Led by its founder Chris Smith, TWC seeks to separate facts from folklore using every trick in their arsenal attempting to bag a wandering spirit.

In the premiere on Sunday, September 7 at 10/9c, the team travels to Old War Memorial Hospital in Scottsville, Kentucky. Throughout its years of operation, this institution transformed from a place of healing to a holding cell for the mentally disturbed. Between the ER and the mental ward, it has been the site of countless deaths and could be bursting with lost souls. Locals believe that a doctor lost his mind while in residence at the hospital and, after his death, his spirit returned for a permanent shift in the exam rooms he loved so much. Now, TWC ventures beyond the waiting room to track down the doctor's spirit and finally discharge him for good.

Destination America will also be premiering **AMISH HAUNTING** on *Sunday, September 14 at 9/8c*. The all-new series will bring to life the most chilling ghost stories ever to emerge from within the Amish community. The Amish are no strangers to horror in all its dreadful forms as their full belief is that living in the modern world will lead to sin and inevitably the frightful evil spirits. For the first time ever, these tales will be brought to life by brave narrators from the Amish community who will guide viewers on a grim, captivating trip into the Amish crypt.

GHOST ASYLUM is produced for Destination America by Tremendous! Entertainment with Colleen Needles Steward, Shannon Keenan Demers, and Tim Hamilton as executive producers. For Destination America, Fay Yu is executive producer. AMISH HAUNTING is produced for Destination America by Hot Snakes Media with Eric Evangelista, Shannon Evangelista and Mark Marabella as executive producers. For Destination America, Sara Helman is executive producer. At Destination America, Sara Kozak is senior vice president of production, Marc Etkind is general manager, and Henry Schleiff is

Group President of Investigation Discovery, Destination America, American Heroes Channel and Discovery Fit & Health.

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