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**SCIENCE CHANNEL, ANIMAL PLANET AND DESTINATION AMERICA RULE THE  
2013 NEW YORK COMIC CON UNIVERSE  
WITH FIVE OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD PANELS**

*-- Science Channel Shines With Three Panels Including: **PUNKIN CHUNKIN** featuring **THE MYTHBUSTERS**; **FUTURESCAPE WITH JAMES WOODS**; and **ODDITIES** ----*

*-- Animal Planet Presents Blockbuster Show **FINDING BIGFOOT** and  
Films a Special Episode in Front of a Live Audience --*

*-- Destination America's Band of Hardcore West Virginians Invades New York  
With Their Breakout Hit **MOUNTAIN MONSTERS** —*

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(NEW YORK)—**Science Channel, Animal Planet** and **Destination America** today announced they will descend upon the east coast's ultimate comics and pop culture convention with five exclusive all-star panels at this year's **New York Comic Con (NYCC)**, taking place **on Friday, October 11** and **Saturday, October 12**.

Science Channel leads the network pack with three mind-blowing presentations during the East Coast's four-day bonanza. Headlined by a star-studded lineup, Science Channel will present: **A PUNKIN CHUNKIN EXTRAVAGANZA** hosted by Discovery Channel's **MYTHBUSTERS**; Academy-Award nominee James Woods will premiere exclusive footage from his new series **FUTURESCAPE**; and **ODDITIES**, local favorites and masters of the macabre, will shock audiences with a show-and-tell session that NYCC won't soon forget.

Animal Planet returns to NYCC with fan-favorite **FINDING BIGFOOT**, this time turning the cameras on the convention-goers themselves in a special episode filmed in front of the live audience, while NYCC newcomer Destination America presents their monstrous sensation **MOUNTAIN MONSTERS** to the Comic Con audience for the very first time.

“This is going to be our biggest and best show yet,” said Lance Fensterman, global vice president of ReedPOP. “We’ve got out of this world talent and Science Channel, Animal Planet, and Destination America are adding to the mix to help make this the one not-to-miss event of the year.”

On Saturday October 12, Science Channel gives a double-dose of entertainment with two brand new panels. Discovery Channel’s **MYTHBUSTERS** present **A PUNKIN CHUNKIN EXTRAVAGANA**. For 25 years, the [World Championship Punkin Chunkin](#) backyard engineers have been launching pumpkins high into the skies above Bridgeville, Del. For the fifth consecutive year in Science Channel returns to the pumpkin paradise November 1- 3 to catch every far-flinging, high-flying moment for the network’s annual Thanksgiving Day special **PUNKIN CHUNKIN**. From air cannons and catapults to torsion machines and the ever-mighty trebuchet, join hosts Grant Imahara, Tory Bellecci and Kari Byron as they demonstrate these unbelievable, home-engineered machines! The team will share behind-the-scenes footage from past Chunks and reveal what’s on the horizon for those who seek the 2013 Punkin Chunkin title. **THE MYTHBUSTERS Present A PUNKIN CHUNKIN EXTRAVAGANZA**

Date: 10/12/2013

Time: 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Location: 1A22

Also on Saturday, October 12, prepare to glimpse into the future of life on Earth. Join Academy Award-nominee James Woods on a Tech Road Show from the Future, as he presents never-before-seen footage of the new Science Channel series **FUTURESCAPE**, premiering on **November 19 at 10PM ET/PT**. He leads this panel with the most notable rock stars of the gadget world as they unveil the latest and greatest in the world of technology. Clips will take fans on a journey to reveal world-changing breakthroughs and their implications for the future, including demonstrations of synthetic biology, predictive analytics, habitable planets, and nano technology. What’s happening in these game-changing fields? What does it mean for us? Woods will ask the big questions, ignite debate and reveal a stunning image of the future.

**FUTURESCAPE With James Woods: Tech Toys From The Future**

Date: 10/12/2013

Time: 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

Location: 1A14

Animal Planet’s hit series **FINDING BIGFOOT** returns with all-new episodes this fall, and the intrepid cast of investigators – Bigfoot Field Research Organization (BFRO) president Matt MoneyMaker, researchers James “Bobo” Fay and Cliff Barackman, and skeptical scientist Ranae Holland – are traveling across America and around the globe in their search for the elusive creature. But before they hit the woods, they’ll take to the NYCC stage on Saturday, October 12. Moderated by executive producer and FINDING BIGFOOT: UNTOLD STORIES host Keith

Hoffman, the cast will discuss investigations in greater detail, answer fan-submitted questions and preview footage from the upcoming season. Find out how the team films at night without scaring a sasquatch, or what the cast believes is its most compelling evidence to date?

**Animal Planet Presents FINDING BIGFOOT**

Date: 10/12/2013

Time: 7:45 PM - 8:45 PM

Location: 1A14

On Friday, October 11, join New York's fan favorites and purveyors of the peculiar – Evan Michelson, Mike Zohn, and Ryan Matthews – from Science Channel's hit series **ODDITIES** as they return to NYCC to appraise some of their most macabre, bizarre and obscure items. They will open the doors of their famed East Village shop, Obscura Antiques and Oddities, to the NYCC audience, and interact with fans to talk about what's in store for their new season.

**ODDITIES Antique Road Show Presented by Science Channel**

Date: 10/11/2013

Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: 1A22

Also on Friday, October 11, Destination America presents its breakout hit series **MOUNTAIN MONSTERS**. Devil Dog, Wampus Beast, Mothman, Lizard Demon – for generations, these mysterious monsters have spawned countless sightings in the Appalachian Mountains. Now, a band of hardcore hunters and trappers native to West Virginia and known as The Appalachian Investigators of Mysterious Sightings (AIMS) is attempting to identify and snare these shadowy figures to help local mountain communities rest more easily when night falls and nature comes out to play. AIMS members John “Trapper” Tice, Jake “Buck” Lowe, and Bill “Wild Bill” Neff unleash authentic artifacts from their hunts and never-before-seen footage exclusive to Comic Con fans. Door prizes and plenty of surprises await to transport fans into the thick of this timeless battle between monster and man.

**MOUNTAIN MONSTERS Presented by Destination America**

Date: 10/11/2013

Time: 7:45 PM - 8:45 PM

Location: 1A14

For more information on the shows featured in this year's NYCC lineup, please visit:

[SCIENCECHANNEL.com](http://SCIENCECHANNEL.com), [ANIMALPLANET.com](http://ANIMALPLANET.com) and [DESTINATIONAMERICA.com](http://DESTINATIONAMERICA.com).

More information about New York Comic Con is available online at

<http://www.newyorkcomiccon.com/>

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## **DAY-BY-DAY PANELS AT NEW YORK COMIC CON 2013**

### **FRIDAY OCTOBER 11 ODDITIES** Antique Road Show Presented by Science Channel

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Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: 1A22

### **MOUNTAIN MONSTERS** Presented by Destination America

Date: 10/11/2013

Time: 7:45 PM - 8:45 PM

Location: 1A14

### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 12**

#### **THE MYTHBUSTERS** Present **A PUNKIN CHUNKIN EXTRAVAGANZA**

Date: 10/12/2013

Time: 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Location: 1A22

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#### **ABOUT SCIENCE CHANNEL:**

Science Channel, a division of Discovery Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), is home for the thought provocateur, the individual who is unafraid to ask the killer questions of “how” and “why not.” The network is a playground for those with audacious intellects and features programming willing to go beyond imagination to explore the unknown. Guided by curiosity, Science Channel looks for innovation in mysterious new worlds as well as in its own backyard. Science Channel and the Science Channel HD simulcast reach more than nearly 80 million U.S. households. The network also features high-traffic online and social media destinations, including [ScienceChannel.com](http://ScienceChannel.com), [facebook.com/Science Channel](http://facebook.com/Science Channel) and [twitter.com/Science Channel](http://twitter.com/Science Channel).

#### **ABOUT ANIMAL PLANET:**

Animal Planet Media (APM), a multi-media business unit of Discovery Communications, is the world's only entertainment brand that immerses viewers in the full range of life in the animal kingdom with rich, deep content via multiple platforms and offers animal lovers and pet owners access to a centralized online, television and mobile community for immersive, engaging, high-quality entertainment, information and enrichment. APM consists of the Animal Planet television network, available in more than 97 million homes in the US; online assets [www.animalplanet.com](http://www.animalplanet.com), the ultimate online destination for all things animal; the 24/7 broadband channel, Animal Planet Beyond; and other media platforms including a robust Video-on-Demand (VOD) service; mobile content; and merchandising extensions.

#### **ABOUT DESTINATION AMERICA:**

Destination America is the only network to celebrate the people, places, and stories of the United States. The inclusive network targeting Adults 25-54 is available in more than 60 million homes, emblazoning television screens with the grit and tenacity, honesty and work ethic, humor and adventurousness that characterize our nation. Destination America features travel, food, adventure, home, and natural history, with original series like BBQ Pitmasters, A Haunting, Epic, and Buying Alaska. For more information, please visit [DestinationAmerica.com](http://DestinationAmerica.com), [facebook.com/DestinationAmerica](https://facebook.com/DestinationAmerica), or [twitter.com/DestAmerica](https://twitter.com/DestAmerica). Destination America is part of Discovery Communications (Nasdaq: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), the world's #1 nonfiction media company reaching more than 1.8 billion cumulative subscribers in 218 countries and territories.

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#### **ABOUT REEDPOP:**

ReedPOP is a boutique group within Reed Exhibitions which is exclusively devoted to organizing events, launching and acquiring new shows, and partnering with premium brands in the pop culture arena. ReedPOP is dedicated to producing celebrations of popular culture throughout the world that transcend ordinary events by providing unique access and dynamic personal experiences for consumers and fans. The ReedPOP portfolio includes: New York Comic Con (NYCC), Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo (C2E2), Penny Arcade Expo (PAX) Prime & East, Star Wars Celebration, and the UFC Fan Expo. In 2013 ReedPOP has added Star Wars Celebration Europe and PAX Australia to its rapidly expanding portfolio of international events. The staff at ReedPOP is a fan based group of professionals producing shows for other fans, thus making them uniquely qualified to service those with whom they share a common

passion. ReedPOP is focused on bringing its expertise and knowledge to world communities in North America, South America, Asia and Europe.

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