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## **WELCOME TO LIFESTYLES OF THE FISH AND FAMOUS!!**

### **ANIMAL PLANET'S *TANKED* DELIVERS AQUATIC MASTERPIECES TO ALL STARS OF STAND-UP AND SPORTS THIS MAY**

- *Wayde and Brett Go Into "Beast Mode" to Deliver Astonishing Aquariums to Howie Mandel, Marshawn Lynch, Dwight Howard, and More Starting Friday, May 29 at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT-*

(Los Angeles, CA –April 22, 2015) – What do stand-up superstars **Howie Mandel**, **Jeff Dunham** and **Gabriel Iglesias** have in common with sports icons **Marshawn Lynch** and **Dwight Howard**? All five are fish fanatics and the proud owners of aquatic works of art thanks to design geniuses and brothers-in-law, Wayde King and Brett Raymer of the hit series, **TANKED**. All new episodes of **TANKED** begin **Friday, May 29 at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT, only on Animal Planet**.

The action gets underway as Wayde and Brett are summoned to Hollywood to meet with *America's Got Talent* judge **Howie Mandel** who is thinking of adding a unique fish tank in his production company's office. With tons of ideas swimming in his head, the fast-talking funnyman hires them to design a tank that reflects his energy, thoughts and creativity. Challenged with Mandel's vision and a restricted space for the tank, the guys believe they have come up with an award-winning design and just hope they get Howie's vote.

Staying on top of their game is a must when NBA and NFL megastars **Dwight Howard** and **Marshawn Lynch** recruit the duo to create tanks that will score points with the athletes. When the Houston Rocket's **Howard** is not on the court, he likes to hang at home with his teammates – two red-tailed boa constrictors. To elevate the reptiles' MVP status, Wayde and Brett create a 10-foot tall and 8-foot long terrarium that recreates the Amazon rainforest complete with freshwater fish and a waterfall. Meanwhile, Seattle Seahawk's **Lynch** goes into "beast mode" and requests a tank filled with piranhas, but the guys forgo the ferocious fish in favor of a tank inspired by the colors of the Skittles rainbow filled with "beastly" saltwater fish.

Before he became famous, comedian **Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias** fell in love with a \$700 VW bus and VW collection and restoration soon became a hobby. To honor his humble beginnings, Wayde and Brett purchase a classic bus which they cut in half to make to separate aquariums reflecting his love of Hawaii and Los Angeles...with an added surprise that his sure to hit his

funny bone. The guys get a double dose of comedy when they meet with stand-up comedian and ventriloquist **Jeff Dunham** who wants to pay homage to his three infamous puppets – Peanut, Walter and Achmed – in his Los Angeles home. But Wayde and Brett are no dummies and know that making this client happy is serious business.

As co-owners of Las Vegas-based Acrylic Tank Manufacturing (ATM), one of the country's most successful builders of aquariums and two of Sin City's most imaginative businessmen, Wayde King and Brett Raymer are tasked with building some of the most enormous and awe-inspiring tanks and aquariums for top celebrities, luxury hotels and casinos, Fortune 500 businesses, private homes and millionaire homeowners across the country that are filled with the most exotic, unusual, colorful and dangerous fish in the world. ATM takes on more than 200 projects every year with tanks ranging from 50 to one million gallons in size.

TANKED is produced for Animal Planet by Nancy Glass Productions. Nancy Glass, Eric Neuhaus and Matt Carter are the executive producers for Nancy Glass Productions, and Melinda Toporoff is the executive producer and Pat Dempsey is Associate Producer for Animal Planet. TANKED was developed by Animal Planet's Charlie Foley.

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