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**COMPETITION SERIES *UNCHAINED REACTION* FEATURING DIVERSE TEAMS AND
ADAM SAVAGE AND JAMIE HYNEMAN OF *MYTHBUSTERS* PREMIERES ON MARCH 18 AT 10PM**

-- Hyneman and Savage Serve as Competition Judges and Executive Producers --

(Silver Spring, Md.) – Discovery Channel has announced its premiere date for **UNCHAINED REACTION**, the new series executive produced by Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman of **MYTHBUSTERS**. The six-part series, for which Adam and Jamie also serve as judges, will premiere Sunday, March 18 at 10PM ET/PT. Each week's episode pits two teams of varying backgrounds against each other to build an elaborate chain reaction contraption. But they're not creating a mere string of dominoes - teams must utilize ingenuity, innovation and know-how to build contraptions on a massive scale.

For **UNCHAINED REACTION**, teams made up of artists, rocket scientists, animatronic specialists, engineers and even your average Joe, are provided with identical sets of tools and materials and given five days to complete a series of mechanisms based on a specific theme. It's the ultimate build-off pressure cooker, where refined mechanical movements, pyrotechnics and large-scale destruction are encouraged. Making a refrigerator a pendulum? Totally possible on **UNCHAINED REACTION**. Catapults? Flying saucers? Guillotines? Anything goes as long as they trigger the next link in the chain.

The March 18 premiere of **UNCHAINED REACTION** will feature Blecha Brothers, a team of Hollywood set carpenters who have worked in various art departments for television, and Team Crash Space, electronics experts comprised of hackers, programmers, builders, makers and artists. Along with Jamie and Adam, guest judge Adrian Hightower, Assistant Professor of Engineering at Harvey Mudd College, judge their contraptions based on the theme "Heavy vs. Light."

Other teams, themes and guest judges this season will include:

- Team Aerospace, consisting of staffers at Edwards Air Force Base and NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center, and Team NAC, a Special Effects & Prop Animation company. Guest judge is Adam Sadowsky, President, Synn Labs. This episode's theme is "Fire and Ice."
- Teams Freeman, a group of friends from various engineering fields, and T-5, a group of artists who hail from Taos, New Mexico. Guest judge is Kinetick Artist Bruce Gray. This episode's theme is "Flight."

- Chain Crew, a team who all work in the auto parts/motorcycle mechanic field, and Team Monster Squad, creature effects specialists. W. Daniel Hillis, Co-Chairman, Applied Minds, LLC, is guest judge. This episode's theme is "Speed."
- Super Special, a creative "jack of all trades" team, and Juggernaut, a team of construction workers. Guest judge is Julia Greer, Assistant Professor of Materials Science & Mechanics at California Institute of Technology, and the episode's theme is "Tools."
- Team InSaign, a group that specializes in working with metal, and Fail Fail Fail Win, a team of mostly multi-media artists who like to break things to see what new objects they can create with the pieces. The guest judge is Rick Baker, Academy Award winning Special Effects Make-Up Artist. This episode's theme is "Movie Mayhem."

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