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Discovery Breaks New Ground for Fall with an Unprecedented Lineup of New Series and Specials, Returning Favourites, and the Debut of its First-Ever Original Scripted Series Visit BellMediaPR.ca to download photos

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 Jason Momoa stars in world debut of hotly anticipated original Canadian series and Discovery's first foray into scripted series, FRONTIER –

 Discovery star Andrew Younghusband introduces new series TOUGHER THAN IT LOOKS? –

 Discovery's fall lineup features five new series including scripted project HARLEY AND THE DAVIDSONS, a three-part miniseries based on a true story about the history of the iconic motorcycle brand –

 New seasons of Top 10 returning series, headlined by Canadian hits HIGHWAY THRU HELL and CANADA'S WORST DRIVER –

- Schedule features debuts of brand-new EPI special DEATH ON A COMET and series MIGHTY TRAINS, plus premiere of original Canadian special BUILDING STAR TREK -

Click <u>HERE</u> for a first look at Jason Momoa as Declan Harp in the highly anticipated **FRONTIER**, and <u>HERE</u> for a sneak peek at event series **HARLEY AND THE DAVIDSONS**.

TORONTO (July 25, 2016) – Discovery, Canada's most-watched entertainment specialty channel, sets course on another #1 season, announcing today its 2016 Fall lineup*. Discovery breaks new ground this year with its most robust lineup ever, featuring five new series, including the world debut of the network's first original Canadian scripted drama series **FRONTIER (Sunday, Nov. 6 at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT)**.



But first, the fall schedule kicks off with the all-new "**Boldly Go**" theme week on **DAILY PLANET** (begins **Monday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT**), going behind the scenes to uncover new scientific revelations and technologies in celebration of the Season 22 premiere of the flagship daily science program.

Subscribers can access live streaming of the fall schedule through the <u>Discovery GO</u> app, and catch up on full seasons of Discovery's returning series on demand on the <u>Discovery GO</u> app and at <u>Discovery.ca</u>. Discovery GO features the largest Canadian specialty on demand library in Canada.

"We are proud to set in motion a fresh fall lineup, featuring an even bigger slate of premiere content than ever before," said Ken MacDonald, Vice-President and General Manager, Discovery. "The winning formula for Canada's #1 entertainment specialty schedule will be taken up a notch this fall with more original Canadian premieres underpinning the schedule, more daring and timely projects, and the debut of our epic first foray into original scripted drama, **FRONTIER**."

Starring Jason Momoa, **FRONTIER** debuts **Nov. 6**. Beginning **Monday**, **Oct. 24 at 11 p.m. ET/ 8 p.m. PT** is new series **TOUGHER THAN IT LOOKS?** starring Andrew Younghusband, following the Season 12 of Discovery's most-watched series last season among A25-54 and A18-49, **CANADA'S WORST DRIVER** at **10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT**. Canada's most-watched series on entertainment specialty television last season among total viewers (P2+), **GOLD RUSH** premieres later this fall (date to be announced).

Final data for the 2015/16 broadcast year to-date confirms that Discovery is the most-watched entertainment specialty channel among adult viewers in the key A25-54 and A18-49 demos. Winning three of seven nights per week in primetime among A25-54 viewers, and with more than any other entertainment specialty network, Discovery also claims half of the Top 10 series on entertainment specialty television with CANADA'S WORST DRIVER, GOLD RUSH, HIGHWAY THRU HELL, DEADLIEST CATCH, and ALASKAN BUSH PEOPLE.

Among the highlights from Discovery's Fall 2016 lineup:

Bold New Series (in chronological order)

SACRED STEEL

Thursday, Sept. 15 at 10 p.m. ET

The new series takes viewers inside one of the most exclusive and unusual bike clubs in the world that produces one-of-a-kind pieces of art. Jason Wilson opened shop with Sacred Steel more than a decade ago and never looked back, crafting custom fabricated high-end choppers and painstakingly restoring American classics. **SACRED STEEL** captures the build along with the adrenaline-fueled



world of bikers. The guys are as loud as their bikes - and enjoy having fun along the ride.

HARLEY AND THE DAVIDSONS

Three-Night Event Broadcast: Monday, Sept. 5 – Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Beginning on Labour Day, a brand-new scripted drama about the history of Harley-Davidson airs in three, two-hour installments. The dramatic, period mini-series is based on the true story of Milwaukee schoolyard pals, William Harley and Arthur Davidson, as they built and rode the now iconic two-wheel mechanical marvels. The new six-hour event looks back at how the founders grew their loyal following – whether it was securing an American Army contract, teaching riders how to make repairs on the field, or embracing boisterous motorcycle clubs across the nation. The duo eventually channelled all their resources to create the world's first superbike, a state-of-the-art racing machine for the masses.

MIGHTY TRAINS (Discovery Original Canadian Series)

Sundays at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT, beginning Oct. 16

Hosted by intrepid traveller and Space's INNERSPACE co-host Teddy Wilson, **MIGHTY TRAINS** joins the lineup of Discovery's MIGHTY series, riding the rails around the world to follow engineers and conductors as they navigate their way through busy rail yards, vie for priority departures, and deal with the unexpected. Train managers, load-masters, head chefs, track inspectors, rail traffic control officers, and passengers move the audience through an in-depth journey through the fascinating world of rail travel.

TOUGHER THAN IT LOOKS? (Discovery Original Canadian Series)

Mondays at 11 p.m. PT/8 p.m. PT, beginning Oct. 24

From the makers of CANADA'S WORST DRIVER, host Andrew Younghusband delves into the world of terrifying heights, extreme sports, tough trades, small spaces, and strange hobbies. Younghusband's wild quest takes him into the dangerous, weird, and just plain tough, as he meets people driven by passion, doing jobs and partaking in past-times that often look impossible. In each episode, Younghusband struggles to keep up with the pros and experts as they show him the ropes. With minimal training, Younghusband attempts working as a window cleaner on a dauntingly high skyscraper, wing walking on a bi-plane in mid-air, barefoot water skiing, and racing lawnmowers. Nothing is too scary or obscure for Younghusband to try...at least once.

FRONTIER

Sundays at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT, beginning Nov. 6 (Discovery Original Canadian Series)



Commissioned by Discovery Canada as its first-ever scripted series, the action-packed and authentic fiction series follows the chaotic and violent struggle to control wealth and power in the North American fur trade of the late 18th century. Rooted in Canadian history and told from multiple perspectives, **FRONTIER** takes place in a world where business negotiations might be resolved with close-quarter hatchet fights, and where delicate relations between Aboriginal tribes and Europeans can spark bloody conflicts. Starring Jason Momoa (GAME OF THRONES, Batman Vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice) along with Alun Armstrong (NEW TRICKS, *Braveheart*), Landon Liboiron (HEMLOCK GROVE, DEGRASSI), Zoe Boyle (DOWNTON ABBEY, SONS OF ANARCHY), and Allan Hawco (REPUBLIC OF DOYLE) who round out the international cast. The series also introduces Canadian newcomer, Jessica Matten.

Adventurous New Specials (in chronological order)

BUILDING STAR TREK (Discovery Original Canadian Series)

Sunday, Sept. 4 at 8 p.m. ET/9 p.m. PT

Marking the 50th anniversary of the iconic series, and following the announcement of Bell Media's licensing agreement for <u>rights to STAR TREK</u>: <u>EXPLORER and the STAR TREK</u> library in Canada, **BUILDING STAR TREK** tracks the restoration of the original Starship Enterprise and the unprecedented search for every remaining original part of the original 1966 TV show. The goal of the special: to reassemble the original series bridge around authentic artifacts. Meanwhile, every precious and slightly battered relic discovered in the film becomes a jump off point to tell the incredible stories behind a series that sent popular culture into warp drive. The hour-long **BUILDING STAR TREK** made its public debut last week during a panel presentation at <u>San Diego Comic-Con</u>.

HIGHWAY THRU HELL Recap Special (Discovery Original Canadian Series)

Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT

Jamie Davis reflects on the rocky road that brought him to the fourth season's dramatic crossroads as viewers get a sneak peek at the twists and turns ahead. In Season 5, the risks for Jamie have never been greater and the wrecks never more extreme. Jamie Davis Towing and his competitor Quiring Towing face epic challenges of their own. Plus, viewers get an update on their favourite drivers and a look behind the cameras at how **HIGHWAY THRU HELL** is made.

DEATH ON A COMET (Discovery Original Canadian Series)

Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. ET/10 p.m. PT

On the heels of Discovery's most-watched special to date, JUPITER: CLOSE ENCOUNTER, and following the November 2014 special LANDING ON A COMET: ROSETTA MISSION, Discovery



brings viewers its latest real-time space odyssey, anchored by DAILY PLANET's Dan Riskin. Rosetta, the European Space Agency (ESA)-built spacecraft that took years to conceive and another decade to journey through space, has been travelling alongside its assigned comet for the last two years. Now the mission is coming to an end and the team that poured years into this project must say goodbye. **DEATH ON A COMET** takes viewers inside the control room as Rosetta ends its six billion-kilometre journey, transmitting one final postcard.

RETURN TO ATLANTIS (Discovery Original Canadian Series)

(Date to be announced)

From Executive Producer James Cameron comes a unique documentary featuring an exploration team assembled to investigate several new theories about the real Atlantis, from its location to its people, and the terrible disaster that wiped it from the planet more than three millennia ago.

DAILY PLANET YEAR IN SCI TECH (Discovery Original Canadian Series)

Friday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT

DAILY PLANET closes out 2016 with **DAILY PLANET YEAR IN SCI TECH** as co-hosts Ziya Tong and Dan Riskin recap the greatest technological feats and scientific breakthroughs of the year. Viewers are invited inside the control room as NASA heads to Jupiter and as ESA's Rosetta ends a decade-long mission to a comet. From the Hyperloop test track in California to the artificial intelligence labs of Asia and beyond, viewers get an in-depth look at the people, places, and things shaping the future.

Returning Hit Series (in chronological order)

DAILY PLANET (Discovery Original Canadian Series)

Weekdays at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT, beginning Monday, Aug. 29

DAILY PLANET's 22nd season kicks off with its all-new theme week, "**Boldly Go**". Viewers get a front-row seat at the world's first concert inside a volcano, go deep in Silfra, Iceland – the only place in the world where divers can swim between two continental plates, and watch a rocket launch from a sailing platform in the Baltic Sea. **DAILY PLANET** also celebrates STAR TREK's 50th anniversary during "**Boldly Go Week**" with interviews of the team who dreamed big 50 years ago and brought the series to life.

FAST N' LOUD

Thursday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. ET



FAST N' LOUD is back for another series of hidden gems and forgotten derelict classic cars, as motor mastermind Richard Rawlings and mechanical prodigy Aaron Kaufmann search the far-flung corners of Texas and the surrounding states for classic beauties.

HOW IT'S MADE (Discovery Original Canadian Series)

Mondays at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT, beginning Sept. 12

Season 28 explores the manufacturing from handcrafted to factory-made products including everything from cereal, gas tanks, and work boots.

HIGHWAY THRU HELL (Discovery Original Canadian Series)

Tuesdays at 10 p.m. PT, beginning Sept. 13

Returning for a milestone fifth season on Discovery, **HIGHWAY THRU HELL** is back and better than ever as it follows the men of Jamie Davis Heavy Rescue as they fight to keep open some of the most economically important, most-travelled – and most-inhospitable – trucking routes in North America. Big changes have blown into Hope, B.C., altering the course of legendary Heavy Rescue Operator Jamie Davis. After expanding his tow business into Alberta's frozen north two seasons ago, a new reality has set in as Jamie has been forced to simplify his operation and shift his attention back to his mountain base in B.C. where it all began.

BERING SEA GOLD

Sunday, Sept. 18 at 10 p.m. ET

BERING SEA GOLD illustrates a world like never seen before – one where the danger is palpable and the stakes are high. Success in the waters will give the dredgers the hope and means to continue – and maybe even make them rich. Failure could yield a vast array of consequences – from possible jail time to injury and even death.

CANADA'S WORST DRIVER (Discovery Original Canadian Series)

Mondays at 10 p.m. ET/PT, beginning Oct. 24

Season 12 of perennial favourite **CANADA'S WORST DRIVER** follows a new group of eight drivers. Each nominated by a friend or family member, these truly terrible drivers are put through their paces in a controlled environment and evaluated by a panel of driving experts. Hosted by Andrew Younghusband, each episode features tried-and-tested challenges designed to push the drivers to their limits. They must master basic training and more advanced techniques before graduating or they will be named Canada's Worst Driver.

GOLD RUSH



(Date to be announced)

As the Klondike winter comes to an end, a new mining season begins. Season 7 of **GOLD RUSH** is full of shocking twists and far more gold than these miners have ever seen before. Returning this season is the one-hour pre-show, **THE DIRT**, with a series of one-hour shows where the miners give the inside scoop on all things **GOLD RUSH** and where fans can get access to behind-the-scenes, cutting-room-floor material that never makes it into the show.

Source: Numbers, 8/31/2015 to 7/3/2016, Series ranking based on 3+ airings excluding specials.

*Among key adult audiences (A25-54 and A18-49) and the top entertainment channel for reach among total viewers and all key adult demos.

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