

Ghost Hunters International Begins January 9th

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The following is a press release:

NEW YORK November 20, 2007 SCI FI's newest original reality series, Ghost Hunters International, will premiere on the Channel on Wednesday, January 9 @ 9 PM ET/PT. Currently in production in Europe, this spin-off of the smash hit reality series Ghost Hunters....

will follow the adventures of a new team of paranormal investigators as they apply their principles of scientific debunking to some of the most legendary haunted spots around the world.

In the chilling premiere episode, the team heads to Scotland, embarking on a terrifying investigation into the abandoned depths of Mary King's Close. This underground phenomenon, a warren of vaults and tunnels, was once teeming with destitute inhabitants at the turn of the 19th century. Now, Mary King's Close is considered one of Scotland's most haunted locales. From there, the team sets out to uncover the secrets behind claims of restless young spirits at the notoriously haunted Ragged School of Edinburgh, a former residence for impoverished children.

Like their U.S. counterpart, TAPS (The Atlantic Paranormal Society), Ghost Hunters International is a squad of real-life ghost-hunting experts - ordinary people who investigate and attempt to debunk claims of otherworldly activity. Comprised of veteran TAPS investigators Robb Demarest, Andy Andrews, Brian Harnois and Donna La Croix, along with Barry Fitzgerald (memorable from the Ghost Hunters' legendary investigations in Ireland) and newcomer Shannon Sylvia, the Ghost Hunters International crew is primed to uncover some of the most startling paranormal evidence yet!

Ghost Hunters International is produced in association with Craig Piligian's Pilgrim Films and Television (American Chopper, Dirty Jobs, The Ultimate Fighter). Piligian and Thomas Thayer, along with Rob Katz and Alan David, serve as executive producers.

In 2004, SCI FI introduced Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson plumbers by day, Ghost Hunters by night! Ghost Hunters has enjoyed its best season ever this fall, achieving record-breaking ratings in the weeks leading up to (and following) the successful Ghost Hunters Live on Halloween night. With a 2.1 Household rating and over 2.8 million viewers from 9-11pm, Ghost Hunters Live was the most-watched cable program for Adults 25-54, ranked second for Adults 18-49 and drove SCI FI to its best Wednesday prime performance in the 18-49 demographic since 2002 (Taken). The Halloween results show the following week ended the season with the best ratings for a regular series episode. Season 4 of Ghost Hunters will return in 2008.

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