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SMITHSONIAN CHANNEL™ “STORIES FROM THE VAULTS”

WITH HOST TOM CAVANAGH, PREMIERES SECOND SEASON

Series captivates with 7 half-hour episodes starts July 12

Washington, DC – (June 16, 2009) – Smithsonian Channel's second season of **STORIES FROM THE VAULTS**, hosted by Tom Cavanagh, will premiere Sunday, July 12 at 8pm ET/PT.

The first season of **STORIES FROM THE VAULTS** won the hearts of audiences and critics alike, garnering the Gold New York Film Festivals award for Magazine Format, the Gold Parents Choice Foundation award, and the CINE Golden Eagle Award.

STORIES FROM THE VAULTS season two topics range from crystal ball clairvoyance to investigations of criminal characters. The season premiere devours the topic of food in a fun but educational lesson in three different museum locations, concluding with host Tom Cavanagh's visit to the National Museum of Dentistry to explore the effect of food on our teeth. Later in the series, Cavanagh brings the issue of conservation to a head and shines a light on what the curators, conservators and scientists at the Smithsonian Institution are doing to protect our world.

Tom Cavanagh is best known for the long-running NBC series, “Ed” and recently has appeared in “Trust Me”, “Scrubs” and “Eli Stone.” Pamela Caragol Wells is the executive producer of the series. Wells is best known for her work on National Geographic Channel's “Taboo” and the award-winning “False Memories.”

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ABOUT SMITHSONIAN NETWORKS

Smithsonian Networks (SN) is a joint venture between Showtime Networks Inc. and the Smithsonian Institution. It was formed to create new channels that will showcase scientific, cultural and historical programming largely inspired by the assets of the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum complex. The networks will feature original documentaries, short-subject explorations and innovative and groundbreaking programs highlighting America's historical, cultural and scientific heritage. Visit them on the internet at www.smithsonianchannel.com.

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