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**SMITHSONIAN CHANNEL MARCH PREMIERES CELEBRATE WOMEN IN SCIENCE
& 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL
HISTORY**

WASHINGTON, DC, March 3, 2010 - This month, **Smithsonian Channel** presents a month-long celebration, "**Women in Science**," featuring determined conservationists who take their passions for science out of the lab and into the wild. Other March premieres focus on the 100th Anniversary of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, Oliver Cromwell's attacks in Ireland, and the world famous Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Smithsonian Channel March Premieres:

RUNNING WITH WOLVES – World Premiere Sunday, March 7 at 8pm ET

Women in Science Month is highlighted by the story of renowned wolf biologist Gudrun Pflueger who returns to wolf country after a grueling and terrifying bout with cancer. The star of *A Woman Among Wolves* now has a survival story of her own. The brain tumor that almost killed her, and the treatment that tested her will to live, have left her with a steely determination to fight for the wolves she believes gave her the strength to go on. She's back in the spectacular British Columbian wilderness to track wolves as they stave off extinction against a backdrop of remote coastal islands, endless rainforests and wintry mountains. Their dramatic survival, both the wolves and the biologist who fights for them, culminates in nothing less than a scientific miracle.

**CROMWELL: GOD'S EXECUTIONER – Premieres Wednesday, March 17 at 8pm
and 9pm ET**

In 1649-50, the Protestant Lord Protector of England, Oliver Cromwell, waged a brutal campaign of total war against the Catholic and royalist citizenry of Ireland and thus remains a polarizing cultural figure in both countries centuries later. The great boogeyman of Irish history's infamous 17th century invasion is scrutinized. This British military leader's bloody exploits set the stage for religious dissent in Ireland and created much of the political tensions that continue to this day. The two-part special premieres back-to-back on St. Patrick's Day.

AMERICA WILD & WACKY – New Episode Premieres Friday, March 5 at 8pm ET

In the latest episode of this series that looks at America's most unique, offbeat festivals and contests, the Black Hills of South Dakota roar to life during the annual Sturgis

Motorcycle Rally where a half-million leather-clad bikers rev up their engines.

DREAM WINDOW: REFLECTIONS ON THE JAPANESE GARDEN – Premieres Sunday, March 14 at 8pm ET

This one-hour special reveals the secrets of both classical and contemporary Japanese gardens, including those of the legendary Moss Temple of Saiho-ji, Shugaku-in and Katsura Imperial Villas and Sogetsu Hall.

SMITHSONIAN SPOTLIGHT – Season Three of this series that scrutinizes specific subjects using artifacts and collections from the vaults and archives of the Smithsonian Institution continues with Sunday morning premieres.

SMITHSONIAN SPOTLIGHT: SEEKING DEEP SEA TREASURES - Premieres Sunday, March 7 at 10am ET

This is the story of the historic journey of scientist Austin H. Clark and the steamer "Albatross," which first plumbed specimens from the ocean's depths.

SMITHSONIAN SPOTLIGHT: 100 YEARS OF NATURAL HISTORY – Premieres Sunday, March 14 at 10am ET

Celebrate a century of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, housing everything from dinosaur bones to the Hope Diamond.

SMITHSONIAN SPOTLIGHT: THE PEACOCK ROOM – Premieres Sunday March 21 at 10am ET

Explore the turbulent history of James McNeill Whistler's Peacock Room, which was transported in its entirety from London to the Smithsonian's Freer Gallery.

ABOUT SMITHSONIAN NETWORKS

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