



**OLN, BBC AMERICA & CHANNEL 5 GREENLIGHT NEW ORIGINAL SERIES
*WILD THINGS WITH DOMINIC MONAGHAN***

- *New original travel series follows actor Dominic Monaghan (Lord of the Rings, Lost) as he hunts for the most dangerous and elusive critters known to man -*
- *Co-production features eight, one-hour episodes to air on OLN and in the U.K. on BBC America and Channel 5 later this broadcast year -*

(Toronto, ON – February 20, 2012) – OLN, BBC America and Channel 5 in the U.K. announced today that production is underway for their newest original travel-adventure series, ***Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan***. Exploring some of the most remote corners of the globe, the series follows actor Dominic Monaghan (*Lost, Lord of the Rings*) as he searches for the biggest, baddest and weirdest insects on the planet. A co-production commissioned by OLN, BBC America and Channel 5, the series is produced by Cream Productions and Wildfire Television and is distributed internationally by ITV Studios Global Entertainment. It is scheduled to film in Ecuador, Venezuela, Cameroon, Namibia, Thailand and Borneo. ***Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan*** will premiere later this year on **OLN**.

“OLN is excited to be working with someone as talented and passionate about the natural world around him as Dominic Monaghan,” said Claire Freeland, Director of Original programming, Rogers Media Television. “Dominic’s off-the-beaten-path adventures and danger-loving side is a great fit for OLN and will undoubtedly be a great addition to the stations adrenaline-pumping action and adventure entertainment.”

In each episode, Monaghan takes the viewer along on an intimate, action-packed quest as he struggles to track down and get up-close-and-personal with some of the planet’s most rare and life-threatening insects. Whether he’s on the hunt for a few million flesh-slicing army ants in the steamy rainforests of Ecuador, searching for a giant venomous centipede in the caves of Venezuela, or facing off with a deadly scorpion in the arid deserts of Namibia, each episode of ***Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan*** takes viewers on a heart-pumping adventure.

“I have been obsessed and interested in nature all my life,” said Dominic Monaghan. “This show brings together years of excited preparation by finally creating a series that demonstrates my love for travel, animals, adventure and people.”

Dominic Monaghan is best known for his role in the movie adaptations of *Lord of the Rings* and as Charlie Pace in *Lost*. A true nature lover, Monaghan’s knowledge and love for insects and reptiles developed during his childhood and remains to this day.

Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan is an **OLN** original production and produced by Cream Productions and Wildfire Television, in association with BBC America and Channel Five. Executive Producers are Dave Brady and Co- Executive Producer Jenn Kuzmyk Ruch for Cream Productions and Philip Clarke and Simon Raikes for Wildfire Television. Paul Kilback is the Series Producer. Claire Freeland is Director of Original Programming, Rogers Media Television and Marni Goldman is Production Executive for Rogers Original Programming. ***Wild***

Things with Dominic Monaghan will be distributed internationally by ITV Studios Global Entertainment.

OLN's ongoing support of Canadian independent productions has been a major contributor to the success of series such as *Mantracker*, *Survivorman*, *Departures*, *Beyond Survival*, *Word Travels*, *Ed's Up*, *Angry Planet* and *Which Way To*.

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About Cream Productions

Headquartered in Toronto, **Cream Productions** was founded in 2004 by David Brady (co-creator, exec producer – *Survivorman*) and renowned director/producer Christopher Rowley. Cream is internationally known for making some of the world's best factual television. Cream has also recently launched a new drama division. The company is currently at work on several returnable reality series, formats and high-end docudramas.

About Wildfire Television

Wildfire TV is a leading producer of blue-chip history, science and factual series and singles. We have a reputation for delivering ambitious, innovative and high quality programming with little fuss to some of the world's most distinguished broadcasters.

About BBC AMERICA

BBC AMERICA delivers US audiences high-quality, innovative and intelligent programming. Established in 1998, it has been the launch pad for talent embraced by American mainstream pop culture, including Ricky Gervais, Gordon Ramsay, Graham Norton, and successful programming formats including ground-breaking non-scripted television like *Top Gear* and top-rated science-fiction like *Doctor Who*. Owned by BBC Worldwide, the commercial arm of the BBC, BBC AMERICA has attracted both critical acclaim and major awards including an Emmy, five Golden Globes and ten Peabody Awards. The channel attracts one of cable's most affluent and educated audiences and is available on digital cable and satellite TV in more than 74 million homes. It broadcasts in both standard and high-definition, with content available On Demand across all major digital platforms. Online, www.bbcamerica.com is the place to go to dig deeper into pop culture with a British twist. Find out more by visiting www.press.bbcamerica.com or follow us on www.twitter.com/bbcamerica.

About Channel 5

Channel 5 was launched as Britain's fifth and final terrestrial broadcaster in March 1997. In July 2010, the network was sold to British media powerhouse Northern & Shell and it currently attracts well over 30 million viewers a week. **Channel 5** is the destination for must see entertainment, sport, documentary, kids, drama, film and news output. Pivotal channel programming includes a diverse mix to attract viewers of all age, including the **CSI franchise**, the **Extraordinary People** and **Revealed** strands, **Fifth Gear**, **The Gadget Show**, **Home & Away**, **Neighbours**, **5 News**, **live Europa League Football** as well as the award winning children's strand, **Milkshake!** <http://www.channel5.com/>

About ITV STUDIOS Global Entertainment

ITV STUDIOS Global Entertainment is ITV Studios international TV distribution and consumer products business. ITVS GE represents more than 40,000 hours of original and formatted programming from ITV STUDIOS and leading independent producers including **Hell's Kitchen**, **Come Dine with Me**, **Dancing on Ice**, **I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!**, **Coronation**

Street, and Vera.

About OLN

OLN is a specialty television station in Canada offering viewers a one-stop destination for adrenaline pumping action and adventure entertainment. Larger than life personalities take viewers on intense and rugged journeys across Canada and the world in pursuit of knowledge, competition and prey. Original Canadian reality, adventure, and travel series along with US acquired programming provides viewers with different perspectives on the world around them unearthing new and exhilarating adventures at every turn. **OLN** is a part of Rogers Broadcasting Limited, a division of Rogers Communications Inc. (TSX: RCI and NYSE: RCI), which is a diversified Canadian communications and media company. For more information visit www.OLN.ca.

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