



## **CHRIS HARDWICK TO MODERATE ELIZA DUSHKU AND TAHMOH PENIKETT PANEL AT C2E2**

### **Popular Host of G4 TV's *Web Soup* Takes Center Stage**

Norwalk, CT, March 4, 2011: Chris Hardwick, a popular host who makes frequent appearances on the *Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, and who is currently the producer and host for the Nerdist Podcast as well as a host on G4's *Web Soup* and a reviewer on G4's *Attack of the Show*, will be conducting a Q & A with Eliza Dushku and Tahmoh Penikett at the Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo (C2E2). As previously announced, both Ms. Dushku and Mr. Penikett, the stars of Joss Whedon's *Dollhouse*, will be at C2E2 on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20 where they will be signing both days, as well as participating in the Q & A session on Saturday, March 19, 2:15pm – 3:15pm in the IGN Theater. Mr. Hardwick, who will be leading the panel discussion, intends to talk extensively to both Dushku and Penikett about their experiences on *Dollhouse* as well as talk about other experiences which have shaped their careers.

Commenting on the prospect of appearing at C2E2, Chris Hardwick notes: "I am very pleased that C2E2 has fallen for my insidious plan of procuring my services as a panel moderator for the delightful humans known as Eliza Dushku and Tahmoh Penikett in order to strong-arm a weekend badge to the expo. Bwah-ha-ha-HAAAAAAAAAA, and dare I add an additional "Mwah!"

Aside from his presence on stage with Eliza Dushku and Tahmoh Penikett, Chris will also be meeting and greeting his own fans. He will be autographing on Friday, March 18, 2:00pm – 3:00pm, at Table 3 on the show floor in the Autographing Area.

The Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo is a major pop culture event which was launched last year and which is owned and operated by ReedPOP, which also organizes New York Comic Con (NYCC). C2E2 will take place March 18 – 20, 2011 in the West Hall of the McCormick Place Convention Center. Other notable panels which will be taking place over the course of the

weekend include: *Food and Comics* (Friday, March 18), *China Mieville Spotlight* (Saturday, March 19), *The Walking Dead Q & A* (Saturday, March 19), *True Blood Q & A* (Saturday, March 19), *The Vampire Diaries Video Presentation and Q&A* (Saturday, March 19), *Chuck Video Presentation and Q&A* (Saturday, March 19), *Marvel: Cup O' Joe* (Saturday, March 19), and *Garth Ennis Spotlight* (Sunday, March 20), to name just a very few! Full and extensive details about panels, screenings and guest appearances at C2E2 are available at:

<http://www.c2e2.com/en/Whats-Happening/Panels-And-Screenings/>.

**ABOUT CHRIS HARDWICK:** Chris Hardwick is a stand-up comic and supreme overlord of Nerdist Industries, which is responsible for the popular Nerdist Podcast, the [nerdist.com](http://nerdist.com) portal, and a real-life book "The Nerdist Way," to be released in November of 2011 through Penguin. In April, NI will move its headquarters to the back of Meltdown Comics in Los Angeles, because the structural integrity of what was once and old hardware store would help it fare well in an apocalypse. Hardwick appeared in *Terminator 3*, *House of 1000 Corpses* and *Halloween 2* (the second one, so technically *Halloween 2 2*, for the pedantic nerds out there). He is currently developing a web series for Funny or Die, hosts *Web Soup* and plays with toys on *Attack of the Show* on G4.

**ABOUT REEDPOP:** ReedPOP is a boutique group within Reed Exhibitions which is exclusively devoted to organizing events, launching and acquiring new shows, and partnering with premium brands in the pop culture arena. ReedPOP is dedicated to producing celebrations of popular culture throughout the world that transcend ordinary events by providing unique access and dynamic personal experiences for consumers and fans. The ReedPOP portfolio includes: New York Comic Con (NYCC), Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo (C2E2), Penny Arcade Expo (PAX) East & West, *Star Wars* Celebration V, New York Anime Festival (NYAF), and UFC Fan Expo. The staff at ReedPOP is a fan based group of professionals producing shows for other fans, thus making them uniquely qualified to service those with whom they share a common passion. ReedPOP is focused on bringing its expertise and knowledge to world communities in North America, South America, Asia and Europe.

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