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'MythBusters' team making stops in southern Alberta

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Fans of Discovery channel's "MythBusters," the television program that separates facts from urban myths using scientific methods, is coming to the University of Lethbridge.

MythBuster team members Grant Imahara and Tory Belleci will be at the U of L's 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness Feb. 6 but tickets go on sale Monday.

Imahara is a former animatronics engineer and model maker for Industrial Light & Magic (ILM). He is one of a handful of official operators of R2-D2. Imahara also developed a custom circuit for the Energizer Bunny's arm beats and ear movements.

Belleci also worked for ILM as a model builder, sculptor and painter. He's worked on movies such as "Starship Troopers," "Galaxy Quest" and "The Matrix."

The event is part of the Science Happens Here program of the Science Alberta

Foundation. The foundation's goal is to increase awareness of science and improve science literacy.

The two-hour program isn't like a typical "MythBusters" episode and it's suitable for a general audience. On-stage screens will show footage from "MythBusters" while Imahara and Belleci talk about what happened behind the scenes. The second half of the show allows audience members to ask questions.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Sport and Wellness Centre at the U of L, and at the 1st Choice Savings locations in Fairmont and on 3 Avenue South.

The program travels to Taber Feb. 7 where Imahara and Belleci will be at W.R. Myers High School at 9:30 a.m. The show is open to the public and tickets are available at the Taber 1st Choice Savings branch on 48 Avenue.