

NABA LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION PETR PETROV TO FACE MICHAEL PEREZ FOR THE WBA LIGHTWEIGHT WORLD TITLE ELIMINATOR AS NEW MAIN EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 30 AT FANTASY SPRINGS RESORT CASINO

LOS ANGELES (August 19, 2016) – NABA Lightweight Champion Petr “Zar” Petrov (37-4-2, 17 KOs) of Ryazan, Russia will face off with Michael “The Artist” Perez (24-1-2, 11 KOs) for the WBA Lightweight World Title Eliminator on September 30. The new 12-round main event, which is set to replace formerly announced headliner Andrew “El Chango” Cancio who is now fighting against Joseph “Jojo” Diaz, Jr. on the Canelo vs. Smith pay-per-view undercard on September 17, will kick off the fall season of fights at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino and broadcast live nationally on Estrella TV’s Boxeo Estelar.

“Michael Perez is an experienced fighter,” said Petr Petrov. “He is one of my tougher challenges, but I feel that my experience in being in bigger fights has me prepared. This is for the mandatory challenger in the WBA Lightweight World Championship and I know this will be a good fight. At the end of the day, it will be about who is prepared the best and may the best man win.”

“This is another step up in my career to becoming a world champion,” said Michael Perez. “I am very excited for this fight and I feel very motivated. I have been waiting for a fight like this, to be challenged at such a high caliber keeps me focused and motivated. Petr is a tough guy and that has been what has carried him to where he is today, but I am smart

fighter and will be prepared to box when I want to and brawl when I want to. The skills I have and the plan we have to execute are what will determine the victory for this fight. Both Petr and I know what's at stake here, the winner of our fight will be the mandatory for the winner of the world championship unification fight between Jorge Linares and Anthony Crolla. I am ready for the challenge."

"This is a big opportunity for Petr, which is well deserved," said Arthur R. Pelullo, President and CEO of Banner Promotions. "He knows, with a win, he will become the mandatory challenger for the WBA Lightweight World Championship and we know that he is a championship level fighter and we expect a great performance on September 30."

"Michael Perez has been a very exciting fighter to watch rise through the ranks in the lightweight division—one of the hottest weight classes in boxing right now. If he wins as the title eliminator for the WBA Lightweight World Championship, he knows all eyes will be on him," said Oscar De La Hoya, Chairman and CEO of Golden Boy Promotions. "We also know Petrov as an experienced and destructive fighter who won't go down without an all-out brawl. The pressure is on and this hotly anticipated fight will determine who the next emerging lightweight star of the sport will be."

Tickets for the event go on sale today at 10:00 a.m. PT and are priced at \$45, \$35, and \$25. They can be purchased at the Fantasy Springs Box Office, by calling (800) 827-2946 or online at www.fantasyspringsresort.com.

With 37 victories under his belt, current NABA Lightweight Champion Petr "Zar" Petrov holds an impressive boxing resume including being the winner of ESPN's 2014 Boxcino tournament. In April 2015 Petrov took on former world champion Gamaliel "Platano" Diaz winning the NABO and NABA Lightweight Titles via unanimous decision. On May 6, 2016 Petrov defeated Marvin "Cachorro" Quintero via sixth round technical knockout in a

historic event that saw the newly built Toshiba Plaza in Las Vegas, host its first boxing match. Petrov is ready at his shot at a world title and will do what it takes to win on September 30.

Ready to make 2016 the biggest year of his career, Newark, New Jersey's Michael "The Artist" Perez is on the verge of a world title shot, as he is ranked number two by WBO and three by the WBA. Following 2015 victories against former WBA Lightweight World Champion, Miguel "Aguacerito" Acosta and Luis "Chespi" Sanchez that netted him the NABO Lightweight Title and extended his unbeaten streak to nine. The exciting 26-year-old was last seen in the ring vanquishing the experienced Martin "El Brochas" Honorio in March of 2016. Now with the biggest opportunity in his career, Perez is ready to take the next step and defeat Petr Petrov to get a mandatory shot at the winner of the WBC and WBA Lightweight World Championship unification bout between Jorge Linares and Anthony Crolla.

Petr Petrov vs. Michael Perez is a 12-round fight for the WBA Lightweight World Title Eliminator presented by Golden Boy Promotions in association with Banner Promotions and sponsored by "Cerveza Tecate, BORN BOLD." The Boxeo Estelar broadcast will air live on Estrella TV at 10:00 p.m. ET/7:00 p.m. PT. The card will also stream live on EstrellaTV.com and on YouTube via LBI Media, Inc.'s Fenomeno Studios. The Ring TV live stream will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m. PT through 7:00 p.m.