

# HEAVYWEIGHTS GEORGE ARIAS AND SKYLAR LACY BATTLE TO EXCITING DRAW ON BROADWAY BOXING

NEW YORK (April 24, 2024) – DiBella Entertainment's Broadway Boxing series made a successful debut in Philadelphia, PA, with an entertaining five-bout card on April 18 at the 2300 Arena.

In the main event, heavyweights "Gentleman" George Arias and undefeated Skylar "Big Dog" Lacy battled to an eight-round draw in a close and competitive bout. Arias surged ahead early bobbing and weaving his way inside to land combinations. The six-foot-seven Lacy then began to create a distance with his size and reach, sneaking in straight rights and clinching whenever Arias moved in too close. That strategy worked down the stretch as he kept the fight at his pace. Scorecards read 77-75 for Arias, and 76-76 twice. Arias, based out of The Bronx, NY, is now 18-1-1 (7 KOs), while Lacy, of Indianapolis, IN, remains unbeaten at 8-0-2 (6 KOs).

Heavyweight prospect Roney "Too Much" Hines, of Cleveland, OH, pounded out an eight-round unanimous decision win against a game Robert "The Truth" Hall Jr. The six-foot-six southpaw Hines used a consistent jab to keep Hall at bay to land his straight lefts to the head and body. Co-managed by Robert Diaz and Sheer Sports, Hines won by scores of 79-73 on all cards and his record now reads 14-0-1 (8 KOs). Hall, of Johnson City, TN, is 14-3 (11 KOs). The 28-year-old Hines had an extensive amateur career that included over 90 fights and a win at the National Golden Gloves, before making his professional debut in July 2018.

Jamaican middleweight southpaw Kestna Davis, based out of Vauxhall, NJ, earned a four-round unanimous decision win against Abdalla Nagy to improve to 6-0. The athletic Davis used his footwork and countershots to offset Nagy's aggression. A right hook counter from Davis dropped Nagy in round three. All scorecards read 40-35. Davis is mentored by former undisputed heavyweight world champion Lennox Lewis, who was ringside to support his protégé. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Davis moved to the U.S. in 2018. He met Lewis in 2016 through the Lennox Lewis League of Champions Foundation. Nagy, born in Egypt now based out of Albuquerque, NM, returned home with a 1-1 record.

Philadelphia junior featherweight prospect Romuel "Cuco" Cruz remained undefeated as he stopped Robin "Gravedigger" Ellis in the fourth of a scheduled six-rounder. The bout featured lots of inside exchanges, with Cruz getting great leverage on his hooks and combinations to the head and body. In round four, Cruz created some distance with his jab. He hurt Ellis with a straight right hand to the chin then decked him with a right uppercut-left hook combination moments later. Ellis made it to his feet, but his corner elected for their charge not to continue. The stoppage came at the 1:43 mark of the stanza, improving Cruz's record to 11-0-1 (5 KOs). Ellis, of Las Vegas, NV, left the ring at 6-4 (5 KOs). Cruz was born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, but moved to Philadelphia as a toddler. He began boxing as a teenager and has been under the tutelage of world championship trainer Stephen "Breadman" Edwards since his pro debut in December 2017. He is promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions.

Erron "Junkyard Dog" Peterson, a Philadelphia middleweight southpaw also trained by Edwards, dominated Raheem Davis en route to a second-round stoppage win. Peterson pressured his way inside the awkward style of Davis and targeted the midsection, scoring knockdowns in the first and second rounds with right hooks to the body. Once Davis arose from the second

knockdown, Peterson trapped him against the ropes and landed a right cross upstairs to send his foe to the canvas for the third and final time. The fight was called off at 1:52 of the frame, with Peterson upping his record to 6-0-1 (5 KOs). Davis, of Morgantown, WV, is now 1-3. Peterson was an All-City linebacker in high school before turning his full attention to boxing at the age of 21. Following a brief-but-successful amateur campaign, Peterson, managed by his father Salah, turned pro in July 2022.

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## Former Undisputed Heavyweight Champion Lennox Lewis To Attend Broadway Boxing Tomorrow Night at The 2300 Arena in Philadelphia

**PHILADELPHIA, PA** (April 17, 2024) – Boxing royalty will be in the house at the 2300 Arena tomorrow night when former undisputed Heavyweight World Champion **Lennox Lewis** attends **DiBella Entertainment's Broadway Boxing** debut in Philadelphia.

Tickets for *Broadway Boxing* can be purchased via [www.2300arena.com](http://www.2300arena.com) (click [HERE](#)) or by calling (267) 273-0945. Tickets are priced at \$150.00 for VIP Ringside, \$125.00 Premium Ringside, \$100 Ringside, and \$60 for General Admission seating. The 2300 Arena is located at 2300 S Swanson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148. Doors will open on the night

of the event at 6:00 PM ET, with the first bout scheduled for 7:30 PM ET.

Lewis will be in Philadelphia to cheer on his super welterweight protégé **Kestna Davis** (5-0), whom he advises. Davis will take on fellow undefeated **Abdalla Nagy** (1-0) in a four-round bout.

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Davis moved to the U.S. in 2018. He has been mentored by the former world champion since they met in July 2016 through the Lennox Lewis League of Champions Foundation. Nagy, born in Egypt and now based out of Albuquerque, New Mexico, made his pro debut last December, earning a four-round unanimous decision against Kijonti Davis.

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Cruz, 30, was born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, but moved to Philadelphia, PA, as a toddler. He began boxing as a teenager and has been under the tutelage of world championship trainer Stephen “Breadman” Edwards since his pro debut in December 2017. He is promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions.

Edwards will also be in the corner of six-foot-tall middleweight southpaw **Erron “JYD” Peterson** (5-0-1, 4 KOs). The 28-year-old Peterson will take on Raheem Davis (1-2), of Morgantown, West Virginia, in a four-round bout.

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Heavyweight contender “Gentleman” George Arias (18-1, 7 KOs), of Bronx, New York, headlines Broadway Boxing facing the unbeaten Skylar Lacy (8-0-1, 6 KOs), of Indianapolis, Indiana, in an eight-round bout.

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**DIBELLA ENTERTAINMENT'S  
BROADWAY BOXING MAKES ITS  
PHILADELPHIA DEBUT NEXT WEEK**

# AT THE 2300 ARENA, THURSDAY, APRIL 18

**PHILADELPHIA, PA** (April 11, 2024) – In one week, DiBella Entertainment (DBE) will debut its Broadway Boxing series in Philadelphia, PA, on Thursday, April 18. The stacked card will feature some of the city's top prospects, as DBE brings the 121st edition of the longest-running grassroots boxing series to the 2300 Arena.

Tickets for *Broadway Boxing* are on sale now and can be purchased via [www.2300arena.com](http://www.2300arena.com) (click [HERE](#)) or by calling (267) 273-0945. Tickets are priced at \$150.00 for VIP Ringside, \$125.00 Premium Ringside, \$100 Ringside, and \$60 for General Admission seating. The 2300 Arena is located at 2300 S Swanson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148. Doors will open on the night of the event at 6:00 PM ET, with the first bout scheduled for 7:30 PM ET.

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Jamaican super welterweight southpaw **Kestna “Hardball” Davis** (5-0), based out of Vauxhall, New Jersey, will box in a four-round bout facing **Abdalla Nagy** (1-0). He is advised by former undisputed heavyweight world champion Lennox Lewis. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Davis moved to the U.S. in 2018. Davis has been mentored by the former world champion since

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Also seeing action in an eight-round bout will be undefeated bantamweight **Wilver Hernandez**. Hernandez, 21, of Kansas City, Kansas, is 8-0, with two knockouts. He will take on Filipino **Merlito Sabillo**, who is based out of Los Angeles, CA.

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## **TOP PROMOTER LOU DIBELLA “DIBELLA ENTERTAINMENT” CONFIRMED FOR INAUGURAL BOX FAN EXPO TO TAKE PLACE THIS SEPTEMBER IN LAS VEGAS**

Las Vegas (APRIL 22nd, 2014 – Top promoter Lou DiBella “DiBella Entertainment” has confirmed that he will appear and have a Booth at the Las Vegas Convention Center for the inaugural Box Fan Expo that will take place this September.

DiBella Entertainment (DBE) was born from the unique insights that owner Lou DiBella honed as a television executive and matchmaker. DiBella graduated from Tufts University and Harvard Law School and was previously head of programming for HBO Sports. He created and orchestrated the highly successful series, “Boxing After Dark.”



DiBella Entertainment created a rebirth for boxing in New York City with its popular series "Broadway Boxing." Dibella Entertainment is the promoter of WBC middleweight champion Sergio Martinez who will have merchandise and other memorabilia to sell to his fans with pricing details to follow.

"DiBella Entertainment is thrilled to be involved with Box Fan Expo. It is a great event for our sport and I'm looking forward to introducing myself and my talent to the greatest fans in the world."

Every year, one of the biggest boxing weekends of the year is Mexican Independence Day. In 2014, that weekend has just got bigger, better and more fan accessible with the announcement of the FIRST-EVER BOX FAN EXPO.

Box Fan Expo will take place on Saturday, September 13th, 2014 at the Las Vegas Convention Center and will run from 10am to 6pm.

To Purchase tickets click:  
<http://www.BoxFanExpo.eventbrite.com/>

Box Fan Expo is the ultimate fan experience that was created to promote the entire boxing industry and to allow fans to celebrate, Meet and Greet their favorite boxers and boxing celebrities. The event will feature boxing legends, today's superstars, Hall of Famers, future prospects and the stars of today all UNDER ONE ROOF.

The event will also feature major promoters, ring card girls, sanctioning organizations as well as trainers, referees, commentators and announcers. Anyone that directly or indirectly represents the sport of boxing will have a chance to showcase themselves to the boxing fans and whole industry. Also in attendance will be exhibitors, sponsors, television broadcasters and media.

Box Fan Expo will also feature different activities such as autograph sessions, photo ops, weigh in, face off with your favorite fighters and buy merchandise.

Throughout the next several months, there will be weekly updates on the many stars that have already committed their appearance at the Box Fan Expo.

For anyone in the industry who would like to be involved and reserve a booth, contact Box Fan Expo at:

U.S.A Telephone Number: (702) 997-2099 or (514) 572-7222

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Box Fan Expo is committed to helping the Retired Boxers Foundation which is a nonprofit organization that helps improve the quality of life for retired fighters. This is a fantastic opportunity for sponsors, retailers and anybody involved in the boxing industry to get involved and be a part of this once in a lifetime event and help out this great cause.. Box Fan Expo is proud to announce that part of the proceeds from the event will help the Retired Boxers Foundation.

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