

LaManna and Sosa Chime in for this Saturday's WBC Silver Latino Welterweight title bout at The Clardige in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (August 16, 2017)–This Saturday night, Thomas LaManna will take on George Sosa in a ten-round bout for the WBC Silver Latino Welterweight bout that will headline a big 11 bout card at what is expected to be a sold out Calridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show, promoted by Rising Promotions, is the 9th card that will be staged before a capacity crowd.

Both main event fighters recently gave their final comments before Saturday's showdown.

" I'm just ready to fight and I hope he is too. I encourage people to come to this action packed, stacked event. 12 bouts featuring some of the hottest prospects and a title fight," said LaManna.

"I think LaManna is a boxer who has not fought anyone of my caliber yet, and unlike me, I have fought everyone," said Sosa. LaManna has been protected during his whole career, Do I think he will be easy? No. There is no such thing as an easy fight. He is his Mommy and Daddy;s baby. When he fought somebody with caliber, he lost."

Despite his 15-9 record, Sosa knows a win can change his whole career.

"This fight is for the WBC Silver title, and would definitely

change my career. Before I would just take fights because I needed the money to take care of my family in Cuba. I was too busy partying, and not taking matters seriously. Like my last fight with Anthony Young, I arrived three days before the weigh-in, and I was 21 pounds over the weight. Not only did I make the weight, but I went the distance with a formidable opponent. Not this time I went directly to Cuba to begin training."

In the eight-round feature, former cruiserweight world champion, Imamu Mayfield (26-10-2, 19 KOs) of Freehold, New Jersey battles Lamont Capers (7-10-2) of Hawley, Pennsylvania.

In six-round bouts:

Anthony "Juice" Young (17-2, 6 KO's) of Atlantic City, NJ battles Carlos Winston Velasquez (25-29-2, 14 KOs) of Managua, Nicaragua in a welterweight bout.

Yurik Mamedov (6-0, 3 KOs) of Brooklyn, NY takes on Ariel Vasquez (12-18-2, 9 KOs) of Managua, Nicaragua in a welterweight bout.

Frederick Julan (5-0, 2 Kos) of Brooklyn, NY battles Tahlik Taylor 2-7, (1KO) of Freeport, NY in a light heavyweight battle.

Alvin Vermall, Jr. (11-0-1, 10 KOs) of Catskills, NY will take on Tracy Johnson (4-5-4) of Boston, MA in a cruiserweight affair.

In four-round bouts:

Joshafat Ortiz (1-0 of Reading, PA will take on Sidell Blocker (1-8-1) of Pleasantville, NJ in a lightweight fight.

Ronald Logan (0-1) of New York, NY takes on Nahir Albright (1-1) of Philadelphia in a battle of lightweights .

Emmanuel Rodriguez (1-0) of Newark, NJ will take on pro

debuting Willie Anderson of Paulsboro, NJ in a bantamweight bout.

Marcos Lugo of Vineland, NJ will make his pro debut against Tomas Romain (3-1) of Brooklyn, NY in a lightweight scrap.

Vidal Rivera (6-0, 4 KOs) of Camden, NJ will fight Weusi Johnson (2-4) of Wilmington, DE in a featherweight bout.

Tickets for this great evening of boxing are priced at \$150, \$125, \$100, \$80 and \$55 and can be purchased at www.rspboxing.com

Big 11 bout card on tap for Saturday, August 19th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (July 27, 2017)—On Saturday night, August 19th, it will be wall to wall boxing action as 11 big fights will make up a tremendous night of boxing at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The card, which is promoted Rising Promotions will feature a title bout, a former world champion, and some of the brightest prospects in well matched bouts. The show is just another in the line of terrific cards by Rising Promotions. The show will feature an unheard of 11 big fights, which are strategically matched for the fans, who will get their full monies worth of action.

In the main event, local favorite, Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna

(23-2, 9 KOs) of Millville, NJ will take on knockout artist, George Sosa (15-9, 15 KOs) of Reading, PA in a ten-round battle for the WBC Silver Latino Welterweight title.

The winner of the fight will garner a top-20 world ranking by the WBC.

In the eight-round feature, former cruiserweight world champion, Imamu Mayfield (26-10-2, 19 Kos) of Freehold, New Jersey battles Lamont Capers (7-10-2) of Hawley, Pennsylvania.

In six-round bouts:

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Frederick Julian (5-0, 2 Kos) of Brooklyn, NY battles Brian Macy (5-2, 2 KOs) of New Haven, CT in a light heavyweight battle.

Alvin Vermall, Jr. (11-0-1, 10 KOs) of Catskills, NY will take on Tracy Johnson (4-5-4) of Boston, MA in a cruiserweight affair.

In four-round bouts:

Joshafat Ortiz (1-0) of Reading, PA will take on Sidell Blocker (1-8-1) of Pleasantville, NJ in a lightweight fight.

Pro debuting Biheem Billups takes on Nahir Albright (1-1) in a battle of Philadelphia based lightweights.

Emmanuel Rodriguez (1-0) of Newark, NJ will take on pro debuting Willie Anderson of Paulsboro, NJ in a bantamweight bout.

Marcos Lugo of Vineland, NJ will make his pro debut against Tomas Romain (3-1) of Brooklyn, NY in a lightweight scrap.

Malik Jackson (2-0, 2 KOs) of Washington, DC will fight an opponent to be named in a super bantamweight bout.

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Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna takes on George Sosa for the WBC Silver Latino title on Saturday, August 19th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey

Atlantic City, NJ (July 14, 2017)–Welterweight contender, Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna will take on George Sosa for the WBC Silver Latino Welterweight championship in the ten-round main event that will headline a great night of championship boxing on Saturday, August 19th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show is expected to be the 9th sold-out show at the Claridge promoted by Rising Promotions.

“Rising Promotions is looking forward to ending the Summer with another great show here at the Claridge. We have a good line up on the card so we are hoping for a packed house, and

we are looking forward to staging our first championship bout," said Debbie LaManna of Rising Promotions.

The championship bout is the first major sanctioning body championship bout in Atlantic City in almost three years. (Kovalev vs Hopkins, November 8, 2014).

LaManna will be looking to win his first belt in the welterweight division. A win will propel him into the rankings as he looks for a high profile bout later this year.

The 25 year-old LaManna has a record of 23-2 with nine knockouts, and he is currently riding a two fight win streak, and is undefeated in 2017.

The six-year professional is 4-1 as a Welterweight and has credible wins over Kendal Mena, and Ayi Bruce as well as his last two victories, which have come over Eduardo Flores and Carlos Winston Velasquez, who stepped into the ring with 52 and 54 fights under their belt.

LaManna dropped a ten-round unanimous decision to undefeated Dusty Hernandez-Harrison (30-0-1 16 K0's) on September 15th, 2016 in a very high intense battle that was contested for the USBA Title. The LaManna/Harrison fight is a candidate for Fight of the Year for local Philadelphia boxing award "Briscoe Award"

This will be LaManna's 6th fight at The Claridge, and his 16th fight in Atlantic City.

"This is a great blessing for me. I get another shot at a meaningful title that will place me in the right spots with a victory. I have seen Sosa fight on our last card and he is very game, durable and strong so I cannot take him lightly. Training camp is intense, we know what we are gunning for so come August 19th, it's going to be dark places for George Sosa," Said Thomas LaManna.

Sosa of Philadelphia, PA has a record of 15-9 with all victories coming by way of knockout.

The 30 year-old Sosa is a high energy fighter, who has fought the likes of Emmanuel Taylor, Sammy Vasquez, Wilkens Santiago, Javontae Starks, Terrell Gausha and Ray Robinson.

Like LaManna, Sosa is a six-year professional, and is coming off a grueling eight-round unanimous decision defeat to Anthony Young on June 10th at The Claridge.

In the eight-round co-feature, former world cruiserweight champion, Imamu Mayfield will take on upset minded Lamont Capers.

Mayfield of Freehold, New Jersey has a record of 26-10-2 with 19 knockouts. At a young 45 years-old, Mayfield is making the 3rd start since taking an eight-year hiatus from the sport.

In 1997, Mayfield captured the IBF Cruiserweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Uriah Grant. He made one defense of the crown with an 11th round stoppage over previously undefeated Terry Dunston (17-0).

Over his 23 year-career, Mayfield has racked up wins over Rayco Saunders (Twice), Okello Peter (11-2), Gary Wilcox (15-2-1), Ernest Mateen (23-5-1), Ismael Gneco (3-0) & Lew Chester (1-0).

Mayfield is coming off a sixth-round stoppage over Anthony Caputo Smith on November 12, 2016 at The Claridge.

Capers of Hawley, PA has a deceiving record of 7-10-2.

The 26 year-old is a five-year pro, and already has produced upset victories over Nick Kisner (16-2-1), Josh Himes (3-0), Dave Vallykeo (4-0) & Earl Platt (4-1). Capers also has a draw with previously unblemished Alvin Vermall, Jr. (6-0).

Capers is coming off a four-round unanimous decision defeat to

Garrett Wilson on June 9th in Tannersville, PA.

In six-round bouts:

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Yurik Mamedov (6-0, 3 K0's) of Brooklyn, NY will fight Taiwo Ali Sulaimon (21-5-1, 16 K0's) of Lagos, Nigeria in a welterweight fight.

Frederick Julan (5-0, 2 K0's) of Brooklyn, NY will take on an opponent to be announced in a light heavyweight bout.

Alvin Vermall, Jr. (11-0-1, 9 K0's) will see action in a cruiserweight bout against an opponent to be named.

In four-round bouts:

Joshafat Ortiz (1-0) of Reading, PA will square off with Sidell Blocker (1-8-1) of Pleasantville, NJ in a lightweight fight.

Emmanuel Rodriguez (1-0) of Newark, NJ will take on an opponent to be named in a bantamweight affair.

Tomas Romain (3-1) of Brooklyn, NY will take on pro debuting Marcos Lugo of Vineland, NJ in a lightweight bout.

Malik Jackson (2-0, 2 K0's) of Washington, DC will take on Edward Kakembo (10-2, 3 K0's) of Lugogo, Uganda in a super bantamweight bout.

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Smith stops Gabejan in 7

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (APRIL 25, 2017)—This Past Saturday, Keenan Smith stopped Edgar Gabejan in round seven of their scheduled eight round super lightweight bout that headlined a six bout card at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show was promoted by GH3 Promotions and D and D Management.

Smith dominated the action, as Gabejan was reduced to lunging holding and even went to the canvas several times for slips. Smith was able to score a knockdown in round seven from a flurry of punches. Smith was fully in control and stepped on the gas in the seventh, as he dropped Gabejan for a second time from a flurry of body punches. Gabejan got to his feet, but he had taken enough punishment and the fight was stopped at 1:43.

Smith of Philadelphia is now 11-0 with five knockouts. Gabejan of the Philippines is 27-34-7.

Kenneth Sims, Jr. remained undefeated by stopping Israel Villela in round three of their scheduled six-round super lightweight bout.

Sims battered a tough Villela, and then in round two cut him around the right eye. In round three, Sims landed three flush blows, and the bout was stopped at 1:03.

Sims of Chicago is 12-0 with 4 knockouts. Villela of Cancun, MX is 6-5-2.

Heavyweight's Tyrell Wright and Dan Pasciolla fought to a 6-round draw.

Both fighter's took a card 58-56, and a third card read even

at 57-57.

Wright of Jersey City, NJ is 9-0-2. Pasciolla of Brick, NJ is 9-2-2.

John Bauza needed just 17 seconds to destroy Francis Gakpetor in the scheduled six-round super lightweight bout.

Bauza decked Gakpetor with a hard 1-2 and the fight was over soon as he hit the gorund.

Bauza of North Bergen, NJ is 6-0 with three knockouts. Gakpetor of Ghana is 2-4-1.

Dylan Price stopped Chris Nelson in round three of their scheduled four round super flyweight bout.

Price started to beat-down Nelson in round two, and in round three battered Nelson until putting him down with a body shot, and the fight was stopped at 2:37.

Price of Sicklerville, NJ is 2-0 with two knockouts. Nelson of Kentucky is 1-4.

Emmanuel Rodriguez made a successful pro debut with a four-round split decision over Jaxel Marrero in a bantamweight bout.

Rodriguez of Newark, NJ took two cards by 39-37 tallies, while Marrero took a card 39-37.

Marrero of Puerto Rico falls to 1-8-2.

Rances Barthelme Defeats Mickey Bey by Split Decision to Retain Lightweight Title in Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions on Spike from The Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida

HOLLYWOOD, FL. (June 4, 2016) – Undefeated lightweight world champion Rances “Kid Blast” Barthelemy (25-0, 13 KOs) defeated former world champion Mickey “The Spirit” Bey (22-2-1, 10 KOs) by split decision (117-110, 116-111, 110-117) in the main event of Premier Boxing Champions (PBC) on Spike Friday night at the Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida.

Following an exciting first round in which Barthelemy backed Bey up at the bell, round two came to a close with similar fireworks in the form of an accidental head butt. In the commotion, a stunned Barthelemy stumbled to the canvas and referee Sam Burgos ruled it an official knockdown, making it the first of Barthelemy’s career.

Barthelemy said, “I really don’t remember exactly what happened, but I felt it was more of a slip than anything. I was a little off balance and we butted heads so at that point that’s when I went down, but that’s okay. I don’t mind that they counted it.”

Bey had issues with the head contact also. “After I dropped

him he got me again with a good head butt. The cut on my eye from that second head butt affected me for about four or five rounds, but it's a fight, so you have to do the best you can with the vision you have. But I would have liked to avoid all the head contact."

"It was the first time in my entire career, both amateurs and professionals, that I hit the canvas in any way," added Barthelemy. "It was just a little surprising, but after that I knew I had to come out strong and put pressure on him because I knew the judges might hold that against me. My mentality originally was to outbox but I had to change my plans and start putting pressure on him."

In a fight that saw a lot of competitive back and forth action during the middle and late rounds, neither fighter was able to take complete control or end the evening early.

Barthelemy believed he'd done enough to win unanimously arguing, "When I heard the judge who gave the score to Bey I thought he was either blind or he was bought. I felt that was disrespectful not only to me but to the fans as well.

"We knew what Mickey was prepared for though," concluded Barthelemy. "We knew he was going to be an evasive counter puncher and we knew that Bey came from the Mayweather school of boxing. So we knew what we were up against and he put on a tough fight."

Bey vowed to avenge the hard-fought loss soon. "I'm ready to get right back after it and chase another belt. I'm looking to stay busy and get back in the ring soon."

In the televised opener, undefeated Puerto Rican bantamweight Emmanuel Rodriguez (15-0, 10 KOs) beat experienced Mexican Alberto "Metro" Guevara (24-3, 9 KOs) by unanimous decision (99-91, 100-90, 99-91).

Rodriguez controlled the opening rounds with a variety of left

hooks and overhand rights, backing Guevara up at will.

"My strategy was to come in and attack him because he is not your typical Mexican-style fighter," said Rodriguez.

An accidental head butt at the end of round four led to a cut that developed under the left eye of Guevara.

"We knew he was an awkward fighter," said Rodriguez of their heads colliding, "But he was even more awkward than we thought."

A highly decorated amateur, Rodriguez continued his calculated, methodical approach throughout the middle rounds.

Rodriguez added, "We weren't able to really decipher him in the first rounds but we were able to adjust eventually."

Guevara, who has fought in two world title fights, threw a change-up and came out fighting more wildly in round seven, causing Rodriguez some minor issues with the distance.

However, Rodriguez stuck to his game plan and used his superior timing to coast to victory in the later rounds.

Guevara said, "My plan was to box him and tap him when I had him, but things didn't come out that way. I'm not sure if it was a lack of focus or what it was, I'm just not sure. I feel good though. It was a hard fight, harder than I expected. He's a strong guy. I felt a little constrained and a little slow, but I tried my best tonight."

Rodriguez summed up the win adding, "I feel great, thank God. I'm really happy with this Victory, it was a victory that I needed to add onto my record and thankfully I was able to get it. Now I'm going to take a month off and wait until my management team tells us what fight date comes next so we can continue to pursue the goals we have set for ourselves."

The second televised bout featured unbeaten prospect Caleb "Sweet Hands" Plant (13-0, 10 KOs) getting a knockout victory

over Columbia's Carlos Galvan (12-5-1, 11 KOs) in a middleweight bout.

Plant spent much of the first two rounds displaying his trademark showmanship and feeling out Galvan.

Plant said his strategy entering the ring was, "To be sharp and slick tonight, stay relaxed and patient. I didn't want to force anything or leave myself out there too long."

That's exactly what Plant did, ending the bout in the fourth with a devastating blow to Galvan's solar plexus.

A frustrated Galvan said, "He got a lucky shot, I threw a straight right and he slipped by it and landed a body shot to my liver so I wasn't able to continue with the fight after that."

"It was just about staying patient and waiting for him to make a mistake," said Plant. "I wanted to take advantage, and that's what happened. I took the body shot when I saw he was open and he went down."

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The card was promoted by Kings Promotions, Mayweather Promotions, and Panther Promotions.

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Undefeated Bantamweight Emmanuel Rodriguez Takes On Mexico's Alberto Guevara in Co-Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions on Spike Friday, June 3 From Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, Florida

HOLLYWOOD, FL. (June 1, 2016) – Undefeated bantamweight Emmanuel Rodriguez (14-0, 10 KOs) will battle experienced Mexican Alberto “Metro” Guevara (24-2, 9 KOs) in the 10-round co-main event of Premier Boxing Champions on Spike Friday, June 3 from Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, Florida with televised coverage beginning at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT.

An exciting undercard of action will feature rising undefeated knockout artist Gervonta “The One” Davis (15-0, 14 KOs) in a 10-round lightweight showdown with Mexico's Mario Macias (28-18, 14 KOs) and unbeaten prospect Caleb “Sweet Hands” Plant (12-0, 9 KOs) against Columbia's Carlos Galvan (12-4-1, 11 KOs) in a middleweight bout.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Kings Promotions, Mayweather Promotions, and Panther Promotions, are priced at \$130, \$80, \$60, and \$35 (additional fees may apply) and are on sale now. All seats are reserved and available at all Ticketmaster outlets, online at

www.myhrl.com, www.ticketmaster.com or charge by phone: 1-800-745-3000. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the first fight set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Additional undercard action features Homestead, Florida's Courtney Jackson in a four-round super lightweight contest against Anthony Woods of the Bahamas, Miami's Steven Geffrard taking on veteran Samuel Miller in a six-round light heavyweight battle and veteran Dyah Davis against Leosvy Mayedo in a six-round super middleweight contest.

Rounding out the night of fights is Vero Beach, Florida's Dat Nguyen in a six-round featherweight bout against Jesus Lule, super featherweight prospect Antonio Williams in a four-round contest against Puerto Rico's Hector Fernandez and Las Vegas prospect LaTondria Jones (3-0, 2 KOs) in a four-round middleweight bout against Latoya Burton.

At just 23-years-old, Rodriguez has been on a fast track towards a world title fight since turning pro in 2012. He made his U.S. debut in November by stopping Eliecer Aquino after previously taking down Gabor Molnar, Luis Hinojosa and Alex Rangel in 2015. The Manati, Puerto Rico-born fighter will bring his exciting style into the ring against another tough opponent on June 3. He will be opposed by the 25-year-old Mexican Guevara. The Sinaloa-native has challenged for world titles against Leo Santa Cruz and Shinsuke Yamanaka and has won six fights in a row entering June 3.

A highly-regarded prospect who won the 2012 National Gloves championship, the 21-year-old Davis recorded five victories inside of the distance in 2015. The Baltimore-native stopped former world champion Cristobal Cruz during that streak and most recently recorded a TKO victory over Guillermo Avila in April. He takes on the veteran Macias out of Distrito Federal, Mexico.

A 2011 National Golden Gloves champion, Plant has begun to

make his name in the professional ranks since turning pro in 2014. Last year, the 23-year-old picked up six victories including hard fought triumphs over Jamar Freeman in September and Tyrone Brunson in October. Fighting out of Nashville, he kicked off his 2016 campaign by stopping Adasat Rodriguez in January and will return to battle the Colombian Galvan who most recently knocked out William Moreno Anaya in April.

All Fight Week events will be held at:

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Weigh-In – Open to the Public

Location:Paradise Live Theater

2:00 p.m. Media Arrival

3:00 p.m. Fighters On Scales

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

Fight Night – Premier Boxing Champions

Location:Hard Rock Live

4:30 p.m.Credential Pick-Up Opens*

5:30 p.m.Doors Open at Hard Rock Live

6:30 p.m.First fight begins

9:00 p.m.SPIKE telecast begins

*Credential Pick Up will take place from 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. the credentials table will be set up in the Hard Rock Box Office. It is located in the outdoor section near the VIP entrance to the arena.

Proper personal photo identification (driver's license or passport) is required for credential pick-up.

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**Lightweight World Champion
Rances Barthelemy Battles
Former World Champion Mickey
Bey in Main Event of Premier
Boxing Champions on Spike
Friday, June 3 From The Hard
Rock Live at the Seminole**

Hotel & Casino In Hollywood, Florida

HOLLYWOOD, FL. (April 29, 2016) – Undefeated lightweight world champion Rances “Kid Blast” Barthelemy (24-0, 13 KOs) will make his first title defense against former world champion Mickey “The Spirit” Bey (22-1-1, 10 KOs) in the main event of Premier Boxing Champions (PBC) on Spike Friday, June 3 at the Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/PT as unbeaten Puerto Rican prospect Emmanuel Rodriguez (14-0, 10 KOs) takes on hard-hitting Mexican Victor “Pitufo” Proa (28-1-2, 21 KOs) in a 10-round bantamweight affair.

“There were rumors that a fight between me and Mickey Bey was on the brink of happening prior to my fight against Denis Shafikov, so now that it is here, I know it was destined to happen,” said Barthelemy. “I’m not a rookie anymore. I’m not going into this worried or nervous about it being my first title defense at 135. I’m comfortable enough now to see every fight as just another challenge I need to execute my game plan the most effectively and with the least amount of errors.”

“Barthelemy won my title, I had to vacate it due to a hand injury, so all he is doing is keeping it warm for me,” said Bey. “Training camp is going great. I have been training hard for over a month. I have the best team in the business, with the most knowledgeable trainers. I’m looking forward to the challenge with him being undefeated and a two-time world champion. We both have a lot of skills, so it will make an entertaining fight for sure.”

“I want to challenge all of the bantamweight champions to fight me so they can see a real athlete in the ring,” said

Rodriguez. "I have been training hard. This is a lifestyle for me. I have been training since December and on June 3, I am going to deliver a knockout."

"I'm excited about this opportunity against a good young fighter," said Proa. "I've been training hard and feel like this is my time. I'm going to come forward and see what this guy can do."

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"This will be a tremendous night of boxing on Spike TV," said Marshall Kauffman of King's Promotions. "Barthelemy is an up-and-coming star in the sport and he is facing a former world champion who never lost his belt in the ring. This will be a great fight and there should be a great atmosphere with a lot of Cuban boxing fans there to support their world champion."

"We're looking forward to bringing a great night of boxing to the State of Florida. We're giving the fans another treat come June 3rd. The card is stacked with matchups that will undoubtedly be crowd pleasers," said Leonard Ellerbe, CEO of Mayweather Promotions. "Both Mickey Bey and Rances Barthelemy have world titles under their belts, so they will bring in the experience of being able to perform, and match it up against one another to see who will come out the best man standing at the end of the night."

"We at Panther Promotions are very excited for this June 3rd card at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino," said Elliot Alvarado, CEO, Panther Promotions. "We are proudly joining forces with both Mayweather and Kings Promotions, which are

featuring PBC on Spike TV. This is going to be a sensational evening of boxing featuring Cuban Lightweight Champion Rances Barthelemy vs. Cleveland's own former champion, Mickey Bey. Our goal is to bring back the classic fights to the Seminole Hard Rock Live in South Florida."

A Cuban amateur national champion, 29-year-old Barthelemy has yet to taste defeat since turning pro in 2009. Born in Cuba but now fighting out of Las Vegas, he won a super featherweight world title in July 2014 by defeating Argenis Mendez in impressive fashion, and followed that up with a second round TKO victory over Angino Perez. After dominating former champion Antonio DeMarco in June, he won a world title in a second division when he impressively defeated Denis Shafikov in December.

Bey won his world title in 2014 with a decision victory over long reigning champion Miguel Vasquez. The 32-year-old vacated his title due to inactivity and injuries but returned in December to defeat previously unbeaten Naim Nelson by decision to earn himself a shot at the very title he vacated. Bey's previous victories include defeats against Alan Herrera, Carlos Cardenas and Hector Velazquez.

At just 23-years-old, Rodriguez has been on a fast track towards a world title fight since turning pro in 2012. He made his U.S. debut in November by stopping Eliecer Aquino after previously taking down Gabor Molnar, Luis Hinojosa and Alex Rangel in 2015. The Manati, Puerto Rico-born fighter will bring his exciting style into the ring against another tough opponent on June 3.

Fighting out of Monterrey, Mexico, Proa will be fighting in the U.S. for the third time when he takes on Rodriguez on June 3. The 31-year-old was unbeaten in his first 28 pro starts and has won his last two bouts, including most recently a first round stoppage of Oswaldo Delgado in February.

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