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# **Impact Boxing Kicks Off 2021 Schedule on March 6th**

Impact Boxing will kick off it's 2021 schedule with a great night of boxing that will air on Saturday, March 6th,

Impact Network, the basic cable channel, which reaches over 93 millions homes, hopped on the scene last year with championship fights, as well as the acclaimed boxing talk show, Stars and Champions hosted by legendary sports writer Dan Rafael

Like many fights around the globe, Impact Boxing was not able to air the quantity of high class events, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Impact Boxing is making good on their promise that it would return in in a big way, post-pandemic. Saturday, March 6th is the beginning of that.

Headlining the card on March 6, which will take place at Delray Beach Boxing Club in Delray Beach, Florida, will be Steve Geffrard taking on veteran Denis Grachev in the eight-round light heavyweight main event.

Geffrard, 30, of Miami has record of 17-2 with 12 knockouts. Geffrard has won 17 straight bouts and is a former WBO Asia Pacific Light Heavyweight champion. The eight-year pro has wins over Jamel Burnside (1-0) and a 7th round stoppage over Dmitry Sukhotskiy (23-4) to win the WBO Asia Pacific Title. He is coming off 4th round stoppage over Zoltan Sera on March 23, 2018.

Grachev, 38, of San Diego, California has a record of 20-11-1 with 11 knockouts. The 14 year-veteran has wins over Azea Augustama (9-0), Vladine Biosse (11-0), world-title challenger Ismayl Sillakh (17-0), former world champion Zsolt Erdei (33-0). Grachev has also fought former world champions Chad Dawson and Lucian Bute.

Also shown on the broadcast will be an eight-round light heavyweight bout between Robin Sirwan Safar (10-0, 7 KOs) of Las Vegas taking on Demetrius Banks (10-9-1, 5 KOs) of Detroit; A six-round lightweight bout featuring Antonio Williams (13-0-1, 6 KOs) of Richmond, Texas battling Ignacio Perrin (6-4-1, 1 KO) of Argentina. Kicking off the telecast will be heavyweight prospect Jeremiah Milton (2-0, 2KOs) of Las Vegas fighting fellow undefeated Zachary Calmus (1-0, 1 KO) of Gloucester, Mass.

Impact has inked a deal with with an International Boxing Hall of Fame Promoter that will start staging staging bouts as part of the series beginning in April.

Those details will be announced in the very near future.

Impact Network plans up to four big boxing events per month, that will feature everything from major bouts from around the globe, as well as highlighting some of the brightest prospects

in the sport.

Also in April, the network is planning the return of Stars and Champions and a new sports series called entitles Healthily Conversions.

The Saturday block of original programming will launch the last week of April.

Impact Network is is back on track to become the biggest African American faith based network in the country

Founder Bishop Wayne T Jackson, Royal Jackson and Terry Arnold planned to become the biggest voice in the multi cultural programming space with Family Friendly cutting edge positive programming.

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## **Kali Reis – Kandi Wyatt Championship Match to air November 14 on Impact Network**

This past Friday night, Kali Reis won the WBA Super Lightweight world championship with a unanimous decision over Kandi Wyatt in an action packed fight in front of a sold out crowd in Saint Petersburg, Florida

The fight will air on Saturday, November 14 on Impact Network to 90 million homes. The start time is 10:30 PM ET.

Steven Marcano the programming partner to Impact Network stated “The Reis- Wyatt event was needed for us as we haven’t put a show since February 1st. That card saw Austin Trout headline to a sold out crowd in New Mexico. For this past

weekend's event, I wanted to showcase a championship bout with a crowd, and when this opportunity was presented, we decided to press re-start. We did the show in a smaller venue, and we had to downsize our production because because of the restrictions. We have to make sure that we are able to control the safety of fighters, fans and staff. That is our primary concern. We will be doing shows in 3,000-5000 seat venues as long it permits, and Impact Boxing will do an arena show Super Bowl weekend.. This is why we wanted to start off with a show at a smaller venue, yet still bring a championship fight."

"We will put our fights in bigger venues and abide by all state and commission regulations. If we feel that the state or commission changes, we will abide."

In 2021, Impact Boxing will start on January 9th, and following up on February 5th, with a show from an arena in Tampa, Florida that will be a big event that will coincide with the Super Bowl Impact Boxing is committed to airing only premium events.

"We have a great Impact Boxing team, and we have solidified a terrific commentary staff with Antonio Tarver, BJ Flores, Ryan Burton, Marc Abrams and Zach Hirsch. This show came to us quickly, and we aired it because it was a terrific opportunity to put on a great world title bout. In 2021, Impact Boxing's 36-date calendar is filling up quickly. Stay tuned for high quality events from great venues all over the country. Impact's sole goal is to compete with the highest level and give the best opportunity for promoters, fighters and all people in the boxing community."

Look for the return of Stars and Champions hosted by Dan Rafael on January 8th at 10:30 PM ET. Also the Stars and Champions reality series to return that will document the careers of the Impact Boxing team Fighters, Promoters, Commentators and Executives.

On February 5th, Impact Network will launch it's Super Saturday original programming lineup. On Super Bowl Weekend, which will feature all original programs from 4 PM ET until 7 PM ET, and will return at 10:30 PM that evening with the aforementioned championship fight card.

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## **VIDEO: IMPACT BOXING'S STEVEN MARCANO**

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**Impact Network: Stars and Champions w/Ryan Garcia –This Friday at 10:30 PM ET**