

## Boxing in Chicago This Friday

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Chicago (March 20) - Dominic Pesoli's 8 Count Productions and Miller Lite are proud to announce their next installment of "The Best in Chicago Boxing" series. This Friday, April 8, at the Aragon Ballroom, they are bringing their own brand of professional boxing to the Windy City.

"Chicago's Contenders" will be headlined by the return to the ring of Chicago's mucho popular "Macho" Miguel Hernandez, 14-2 (9 KOs) as he takes on rugged veteran Jonathan "JJ" Corn, 44-12-1 (23 KOs) of Menominee, Wisconsin in a ten round middleweight bout. Hernandez returns to the ring following his disappointing loss two months ago to Shay Mobley.

"Shay did well that night and he got the win," Hernandez said. "I've moved past the initial disappointment and look forward to getting back in the ring. JJ's a real tough guy and it should make for a very exciting fight for the fans. I'm eager to get back to my winning form and putting on a terrific performance for the huge 8 Count crowd."

Also featured on the card is light heavyweight David Pareja (3-1) of Rockford, IL in a six round bout. Pareja makes his 8 Count Productions debut after reaching the finals on FOX Television's "The Next Great Champ" last fall.

Making his long-awaited return to the 8 Count Productions ring is hard swinging local super featherweight Jose Andres Hernandez, 16-2 (12 KOs) of Round Lake, IL in a scheduled six-rounder.

Fan favorite Frankie Tafoya, 3-0 (2 KOs) gets his first six rounder as he continues his rise through the featherweight prospect ranks. Tafoya was last seen at the Aragon Ballroom in January, when he crushed Clarence Bunkholt with a third round kayo.

In a four round middleweight bout, Don "Da Bomb" George, 3-0-1 (3 KOs) heads back in action following his first round knockout of Ed "The Spoiler" Humes at the 8 Count Productions card last month. The twenty-year old George is fast becoming one of Chicago's most popular fighters.

Rounding out the card is a special attraction female bout featuring super lightweight Chicagoan Rita Figueroa, 2-0 (1 KO) in a four round contest. Rita won a very hard-fought four round split decision over Sarina Hayden in January at the Aragon Ballroom, which earned her a standing ovation at the end of the bout.

Dominic Pesoli said "We will continue to bring "The Best in Chicago Boxing" to our growing loyal audience."

Tickets for this event starting at \$25 are on sale now by calling 312-226-5800.

The newly remodeled Aragon Ballroom is located at 1106 W. Lawrence Ave. near the corner of

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Lawrence and Broadway in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood and is easily accessible, just 4 blocks west of Lake Shore Drive and just 4 miles east of the Kennedy Expressway. There are three large parking lots located within a half-block of the Aragon Ballroom. Also, the Howard Street Red Line stops just across the street.

Doors open at 7 P.M. with the first bout at 8 P.M.