

Showtime Airing Cotto-Mayorga Preview

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“RELENTLESS” PREVIEW GIVES FANS INSIDE PEEK AT MIGUEL COTTO & RICARDO MAYORGA;

RELIVES LEGENDARY BOB ARUM & DON KING PROMOTIONS

PREMIERES TONIGHT/FRIDAY, FEB. 18, AT 10 P.M.ON SHOWTIME EXTREME®

Cotto vs. Mayorga – Saturday, March. 12, at MGM Grand Garden Arena, LIVE on SHOWTIME PPV®

NEW YORK (Feb. 18, 2011) – With their highly anticipated world championship confrontation less than one month away, boxing fans will get exclusive, behind-the-scenes access to the training camps and lives of boxing superstars **Miguel Cotto** and **Ricardo Mayorga** when “

Relentless

,” a 30-minute preview of the first major pay-per-view world championship boxing event of 2011, premieres

tonight/Friday, Feb. 18

, at

10 p.m. ET/PT

on

SHOWTIME EXTREME®

Cotto, the Pride of Puerto Rico, will defend his World Boxing Association (WBA) super welterweight title against two-division world champion Mayorga on **Saturday, March 12**, at the **MGM Grand**

in Las Vegas. Cotto vs. Mayorga will be produced and distributed LIVE by

SHOWTIME PPV®

, beginning at

9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT

“Relentless” provides exclusive interviews and reactions from their explosive, trash-talking, kickoff press conference in New York, where Mayorga promised to force Cotto to retire following the March 12 showdown.

In addition to the fireworks expected in the ring, the event also marks the first time in five years that Hall of Fame promoters **Bob Arum** and **Don King** have joined forces for a promotion. “Relentless” will take a look back at some of the legendary fights that Arum and King have

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promoted, including flashbacks to the unforgettable

Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier

battles and footage from

Sugar Ray Leonard

's controversial split-decision victory over “

Marvelous

”

Marvin Hagler

in 1987.

“Relentless” also takes a look at World Boxing Council (WBC) female super welterweight champion **Christy Martin** and her miraculous comeback trail in search of her landmark 50th professional victory against

Dakota Stone

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Finally, the preview piece builds on and explores the relationship between Cotto and Hall of Fame trainer **Emanuel Steward**. “Relentless” will investigate the connection between the two boxing icons, who started working together following Cotto’s win over former WBA super welterweight champion and future rabbi **Yuri Foreman** in June of 2010. On March 12, Foreman will take on Top-10 contender

Pawel Wolak

in an undercard 10-round super welterweight rumble.

Cotto, of Caguas, Puerto Rico, has held a world title every year since 2004 and has won 15 of the 17 world championship bouts he has fought. Mayorga, of Managua, Nicaragua, is known for his reckless abandon and fearlessness inside the ring – a style of fighting that has produced 23 knockouts out of his 29 victories and legions of fans.

Cotto and Mayorga have fought a boxing who’s who of the last decade, including **Manny**

Pacquiao

car de la Hoya

, **Os**

,

”Sugar” Shane Mosley

,

Zab Judah

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Vernon Forrest

,

Cory Spinks

,

Fernando Vargas

and

Felix Trinidad

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Airdates for "Relentless" are as follows:

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TIME

CHANNEL

Friday, Feb. 18

10 p.m. ET/PT

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Thursday, Feb. 24

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7:35 p.m. ET/PT

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Friday, Feb. 25

10 p.m. ET/PT

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Tuesday, Mar. 1

10 p.m. ET/PT

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Thursday, Mar. 3

7:30 p.m. ET/PT

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Friday, Mar. 4

11:45 p.m. ET/PT

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Monday, Mar. 7

9:30 p.m. ET/PT

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Wednesday, Mar. 9

10:30 p.m. ET/PT

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Friday, Mar. 11

10 p.m. ET/PT

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Saturday, Mar. 12

1:30 p.m. ET/PT

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Radam G says:

Maybe the preview will be more interesting than the bout. I think that Cotto is going to probably kayo Mayorga kind of early. Enough said. Holla!