

## **BOXERS THOMAS HEARNS AND MARK JOHNSON**

### **ELECTED TO INT'L BOXING HALL OF FAME**

*Michael Buffer, Freddie Roach, Al Bernstein and Michael Katz*

□ *also enter Hall of Fame*

CANASTOTA, NY - DECEMBER 6, 2011 - The International Boxing Hall of Fame and Museum announced today the newest class of inductees to enter the Hall. Living inductees include multi-division champion **Thomas "Hitman" Hearns**, two-division champion **Mark "Too Sharp" Johnson**, "Let's Get Ready To Rumble" ring announcer **Michael Buffer**, trainer **Freddie Roach**, broadcaster **Al Bernstein** and journalist **Michael Katz**.

"We're extremely excited about the Class of 2012 and very much looking forward to honoring the 23rd class of inductees," said Executive Director Edward Brophy.

The 23rd Annual Hall of Fame Weekend is scheduled for **June 7-10th** in Canastota,

## Cocoa Kid, Jake Kilrain, Rip Valenti Also Make Hall

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NY. Over 20 events, including a golf tournament, banquet, parade and autograph card show, are planned. An impressive celebrity lineup of boxing greats of yesterday and today will attend this year's Induction Weekend. The highlight of the weekend will be the Official Enshrinement Ceremony on the Hall of Fame Museum Grounds in Canastota, New York on

**Sunday, June 10th**

to welcome the newest members.

The Hall of Fame also released names of posthumous honorees: Cocoa Kid in the Modern Category; Newsboy Brown, Leo Houck and Jake Kilrain in the Old-Timer Category; promoters Hugh D. McIntosh and Rip Valenti in the Non Participant Category; and James Wharton (Young Molineaux) in the Pioneer Category. Inductees were voted in by members of the Boxing Writers Association and a panel of international boxing historians.

For more information on the events planned for the 2012 International Boxing Hall of Fame Weekend, please call the Hall of Fame at (315) 697-7095, visit online at [www.ibhof.com](http://www.ibhof.com) , on Facebook at

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